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THE SPOT THAT WILL NOT OUT"

In presenting his resolution in the United States Senate, the other day, calling for an investigation of the use of money in the late Presidential election, elsewhere referred to by us, Senator Allen is described as having made no remarks, but as confining himself with sending to the desk and having read an extract from an agricultural paper, which summed up the votes of the pivotal States in the following fashion:

"California carried California in 1892 by 147 [illegible] received 24,000 more votes than received—yet McKinley carried

"Illinois carried Illinois in 1892 by 26,993 received 47,000 more votes than received—yet McKinley carried

"Indiana carried Indiana in 1892 by 7,12[illegible] received 47,000 more votes than received—yet McKinley carried

"Iowa carried Iowa in 1892 by 23,729. received 4,541 more votes than received—yet McKinley carried

"Kentucky carried Kentucky in 1892 by 40, and Bryan received 42,336 more votes received—yet McKinley carried Ken

"Michigan carried Michigan in 1892 by 20, Bryan received 4,000 more votes Harrison received—yet McKinley car Michigan.

"Minnesota carried Minnesota in 1892 by 21, and Bryan received 16,714 more votes Harrison received yet McKinley car Minnesota.

"Ohio carried Ohio in 1892 by 1,472 and received 69,000 more votes than Har received—yet McKinley carried Ohio

"Oregon carried Oregon in 1892, and Bryan 2,000 more votes than Harrison re McKinley carried Oregon.

"The vote of Illinois was nearly 250,000 more than the vote of 1892; that of Ohio 2-0, and Kentucky, 100,000. From whether States gained so largely in popu during four years!

"At the same time Kansas, a growing West and State only shows 10,000 gain. The great Texas, which has been a theatre of immigration, only shows 40,000 gained; Alabama shows 5,000 loss; New York only shows a gain of 1,000; Massachusetts only 1,000; Virginia shows 15,000 loss; while West Virginia, a State the Republicans were particularly anxious to carry, shows a gain of 20,000; Arkansas, a State to which immigration has been steadily gained 1,000, while Indiana, a pivotal State, shows 20,000 gain. These figures are inexplicable. Why have the pivotal States made such tremendous gains in voting strength?"

The Washington Post says that there is no doubt that Senator Allen means business. "He said yesterday," says the Post, "that he should call his resolution up immediately after the holiday recess. In the meantime it has been referred to the committee on Contingent Expenses, at the head of which is Senator Jones, of Nevada."

The remarkable showing in the States whose electoral votes were needed to elect McKinley, Senator Allen is further reported by the Post as saying, "seems to me to warrant an investigation. I framed the resolution so as to include all parties, and I do not see how the Senate can refuse to pass it. The matter is attracting attention all over the country. The extract which I sent to the desk is but one of many, and certainly if there is a blot on the election it should be exposed and wiped out, or, at least, a wholesome warning given that the offence is not to be repeated."

All of which, by the way, reminds us that one of our republican contemporaries complained, the other day, that the OBSERVER continued to express its dissatisfaction with the conduct of the late election instead of quietly submitting to the decree of the election machinery. All good citizens submit to the law, but it is not the part of good citizenship for those entrusted with the duty of public watchfulness as newspaper editors are, to abstain from pointing out facts that indicate a violation of the law. Tacitus describes the Roman General Galgacus as saying of the policy of Cæsar, at the bar aking up, in Britain: "Solitudinem faciunt; pacem appellant." They create a wilderness and call it Peace! Our modern imperialists appear to be intelligent followers of Cæsar.

GOOD NEWS.

No close observer of the late election can fail to be impressed with the belief that McKinley's election was secured by the practice of bribery and fraud on a scale hitherto undreamt of. It is therefore gratifying to learn that serious efforts are being taken in the Federal legislature to investigate the astonishing results which the disreputable Mr. Hanna brought about in the "pivotal" States, and that the Democrats propose to press the proposition to do so to a vote. Senator Allen of Nebraska, has introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a committee of nine Senators be elected by the Senate to consist a committee on the use of money in elections, and that the said committee be instructed to thoroughly investigate the extent to which money, if any, was used in connection with the recent Presidential election, either in promoting the nomination or in influencing in any manner the result of Presidential electors, and to inquire whether or not any such expenditures were excessive, if legitimate, corrupt, or unlawful; and especially to inquire and report as to what extent for such purposes the owners of silver mines or gold mines, the bankers, the manufacturers, the railroads, or other corporations and millionaires of all classes, made contributions, and if any were made by persons and corporations residing abroad, and to report to the Senate all the facts, and whether or not, in the opinion of the committee, any legislation by Congress is expedient and necessary to prevent or prevent the use of money in elections. Said committee shall have power to employ clerical or sub committee, to send for persons and papers and sit during the present session of Congress and until the first Monday in December, 1897, the expenses incurred to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate."

Apart from the immediate results of the adoption of this resolution, the effect will be to call attention to the general subject of the use of money in elections from the highest platform known to our public life. Once the public mind becomes imbued with this subject, there will be hope for the project which the OBSERVER has been hammering at for four years, viz: the passage of State laws to prevent campaign funds accumulated outside the State from crossing its borders. That is the root of the evil—the secret accumulation of such funds *at a national centre* and the secret dispensing thereof to the State, county and township constituencies. In practice, this system reverses that upon which the whole theory of our government proceeds, viz: that the control of all money used for Federal purposes shall reside with the House of Representatives, whose members are elected by the small, home ruled constituencies of the Congressional districts.

THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

We gave in yesterday afternoon's paper the information received by telegraph that the Senate foreign affairs committee would probably report the Cameron resolution recognizing Cuban independence, the text of which we gave in the Daily issue of the 11th instant and our Weekly of the 17th. As we pointed out at the time of its introduction, it was probable that that conservative measure, rather than the Mills resolution for intervention, would be the one adopted by Congress. If it should pass the Senate, as probably it will, it will have to run the gauntlet of the House, which is understood to be less favorable to Cuba than the Senate.

It will be interesting to keep in mind the terms of the Cameron resolution, which is as follows:

"Resolved, By the Senate and the House of Representatives, that the independence of the Republic of Cuba be and is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

"Resolved, That the United States should use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba."

The reporting of this resolution on Friday morning, the 18th, makes rather curious reading of the following telegram of Thursday, the 17th, which we find only in the Cleveland, or Palmer and Buckner papers:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. The latest advices remove nearly all suspicion of Maceo's assassination. Under the circumstances it is hardly probable that congressional action looking to the recognition of Cuba will be taken. The house will be able to do nothing until after the holidays. The Senate adjournment to day makes it impossible for the committee on foreign affairs to report to-morrow.

We still think, however, that it would be more consistent with the purpose of the second section of the Cameron resolution if "belligerent rights" were substituted for "independence" in the first section.

THE UNIVERSITY AID QUESTION.

It has been a matter of astonishment with us, ever since opposition to State aid to the University took shape, that those who are oftentimes the strongest advocates of democracy should be conspicuous on the side of opposition. Similarly, the same surprising objection crops out every now and then gainst sufficient salaries to Congressmen and other officials. As a matter of fact, the radicals of England complain of the aristocratic survival there which leaves a member of Parliament without salary or allowances, and they point to the democratic example of the United States which, by paying salaries to their members of Congress, puts the holding of such offices within the reach of the poorest members of society. Analogously, it is in the highest degree a democratic measure to put a University education in the reach of all. Before the war, the University of North Carolina was called an aristocratic institution; and so it largely was, (if the term was ever applicable in this republic), its patronage being chiefly drawn from the wealthy classes of North Carolina and the more Southern States. In this respect it contrasted then with the newer and more democratic University of Virginia. But with the passing away of the ante-bellum social conditions, Chapel Hill has been radically changed. There is hardly a vestige of its former self observable in the completely democratized University of today. And, as we understand it, it is the new, post-bellum system of State aid which has brought about the change. Surely the democracy should be the last to complain that what was once the privilege chiefly of the wealthy has become accessible to all the people.

THE CUBAN QUESTION, STILL.

The Cuban question is still the theme that engages the attention of our people. All other public matters fail beside it.

We give elsewhere the text of the important resolutions introduced in the Senate this week by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Call, and also of General Weyler's cablegram to the New York World asserting that Maceo was killed in open battle. To the latter the World adds an editorial comment (also reproduced by us) which points out the insufficiency of Weyler's explanation; while, in the short article which we append to the rest, taken from the New York Journal, it is remarked with much force that it is hardly worth while for the Spanish Captain General to attempt to deny that Maceo was assassinated when the whole world knows that perfidy and treachery characterize the official conduct of the Spanish government towards the Cubans. Witness the hundreds of prisoners of war who after surrendering upon conditions were nevertheless executed in violation of those conditions.

But Weyler's statement will not bear the test of close examination. It will be observed that the language is equivocal, and especially that he does not deny an essential part of the Cuban account, viz: that Maceo was *invited to a rendezvous.*

Meanwhile, it is to be expected that Congress will address its most earnest endeavors to an ascertainment of the whole truth and then act with decision upon its own responsibility and without reference to the President's views.

Weyler's Account of the Killing of Maceo.

Tuesday's New York Wold contains the following:

The World cabled to Gen. Weyler, commander-in-chief of the Spanish army in Cuba, that a widespread sentiment of indignation and horror had been evoked throughout the United States by reports that Antonio Maceo, the insurgent leader, had been betrayed, ambushed and slain under flag of truce.

Gen. Weyler makes in response, over his own signature, the following official denial that Maceo was either betrayed or murdered. He was slain, surrounded by his men, after a hard fight, Gen. Weyler says.

The message to The World, which was written in Spanish, was handed to the regular correspondent of The World in Havana last night, and was not received by cable until midnight. A translation is printed, together with the original Spanish.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.

To the Editor of the World, New York:

Maceo died as a result of the feeble state in which were the insurgent bands at Havana. Doubtless, before the sudden attacks and the constant persecution of the battalion of San Quintin, they were losing ground.

To reorganize those bands he put himself at their head, and for this he died, with part of the staff accompanying him.

In the same manner have died many generals in all the wars over the world.

Maceo was not killed in an ambush.

My assertion can be proved by the fact that the Spanish column which fought against his forces had to maintain itself against the fire of the insurgents, and the insurgents were strong enough in number to retake the bodies of Maceo and the son of Maximo Gomez, which were carried away from the field.

Maceo was surrounded by his own men, who embarked with him and passed the trocha, it is affirmed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha.

It is not true that Maceo was coming for any conference with me. I can prove it with two reasons. The first is that if I was in the province of Pinar del Rio; how could I summon him to the province of Havana? The second is that knowing myself the situation in which Maceo was in Pinar del Rio, knowing that his situation was so desperate that he asked help from the rebel forces in the other parts of the island, I would not be so innocent as to agree to a conference with him in a place where he would be out of the trocha.

Once in Havana he would have re solved the problem of breaking the circle in which I had him and his forces in Pinar del Rio.

Maceo died as fell all who command forces who at the sight of the enemy fly away.

This discouraged band be brought to Havana with the hope of making it fight. Any other chief, in similar circumstances, if his men disbanded, would be sure to die. And that is what happened to Maceo.

WEYLER.

The World makes this editorial comment upon the foregoing:

"Gen. Weyler sends to The World today, in response to its request, his explanation of the death of Maceo. Gen. Weyler's denial that Maceo was invited to a conference is supported by reasoning that seems plausible. But this does not remove the suspicion of treachery of some sort. It does not answer the question, why was Maceo far from his troops and within the Spanish lines, where he and the dozen men he had with him could do no possible good? And it does not explain why the suspected doctor was the only man of his party left alive. The full story of Maceo's taking off remains to be told."

Upon the general subject the New York Journal justly remarks that—

"There is no particular reason to disbelieve the charge of treachery against the Spanish troops. A general who, like Weyler, habitually massacres prisoners of war and helplessly wounded men in hospitals is not likely to be squeamish about the rights and immunities of an enemy under a flag of truce. The annals of Spain are not so destitute of cases of treachery and assassination that this most heinous case is in any degree unbelievable."

Cuba in Congress

The three resolutions introduced by Senator Call, on Monday, in reference to Cuba, were as follows:

Resolved, that the killing of General Antonio Maceo, a renowned officer in the service of the Republic of Cuba, if true, while under a flag of truce, and with an assurance of safety from the Spanish Cuban General, was a violation of the rules of civilized war, an outrage of base treachery, a murder cowardly and disgraceful, which demands the execration of every government, and of all the people of the world, whether civilized or savage; that the government which authorizes, permits, or fails to punish the assassins who are connected in any way with the guilt of this crime with the extreme penalty of the law, is an outcast from the family of nations, and from the pale of civilization and public law, and that the Committee on Foreign Relations be directed to make inquiry as to the facts and report to the Senate at an early day.

Resolved, That the President be requested to demand the release of all United States citizens imprisoned in the Spanish penal colony on the island of Ceuta, off the coast of Africa.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward to the Senate a list of all United States citizens imprisoned in Spanish set lements, penal colonies and prisons, together with the circumstances of arrest, charges, conviction, etc.

Senator Morgan's resolution, introduced the same day, is as follows:

Resolved, That the President is requested, if it is not, in his opinion, incompatible with the public service, to send to the Senate copies of the papers relating to the condition of affairs in the Island of Cuba, which were referred to in the report of the Secretary of State that accompanies his last annual message;

And, also, a statement of the several amounts of the claims lodged in the Department of State by citizens of the United States against Spain growing out of the alleged insurrection now existing in the Island of Cuba;

And, also, all correspondence with the Spanish Government relating to the Competitor case, and the persons captured with or on that vessel, with a statement of the charges pending in any court in Spain or Cuba against such persons, and the proceedings of such court in these cases, and the place of their imprisonment and the character of their treatment while in prison, and the condition of their health, whether such prisoners have had the privilege of counsel of their own selection in any trial that has taken place on such charges, or were represented by any counsel, attorney or other agent of the United States.

Weyler's Denials

New York Times.

Gen. Weyler impeaches his own veracity in his letter to the World denying that Maceo was murdered. The insurgent leader's death, Weyler declares, resulted from the demoralization of his forces. "Maceo died as all must die who command troops that run away at the sight of the enemy."

Yet in the same breath he asserts that "Maceo was not killed in ambush," and for proof adduces the fact that th Spanish column found itself engaged with a force of insurgents strong enough to recapture the body of Maceo and that of the son of Gomez, which the column was bearing away. Demoralized and flying troops do not behave in that heroic way. But w at became of this force of insurgents after the fight? They were to the east of the trocha, in a country occupied by Spanish troops. Did they cross the famous trocha again? Why did Weyler let them get away? It is understood that he has complained that he could not get at his foes. Here was a chance to cut off this impudent band. Did he improve it?

Why was Dr. Zertucha spared? We know too well the Spanish custom with prisoners. Maceo's physician is a mysterious exception to that bloody rule. He went along comfortably enough with his captors. He has enjoyed unlimited opportunity to talk, and has given accounts of his chieftain's death that are met by vehement denials from insurgent quarters. It is very singular that Zertuchs, whom the insurgents declare to be a man of thoroughly bad character, should have been singled out for preservation when all the rest of Maceo's staff or guard were killed.

Weyler has devoted months of time, millions of Spanish money, and the lives of thousands of soldiers to the task of destroying this army that "always runs away" and is completely demoralized. We may sound the flue Castilian pride of Gen. Weyler when we intimate that if he is a good and efficient soldier, his letter stamps him as a silly braggart, but if this letter is true, he must be a very bad soldier indeed. He protests too much. And when he cites the testimony of such a shady fellow as Dr. Zertucha,, who is under grave suspicion of having betrayed his chief, he does not establish the truth of his own statements, though he makes it plain that he thinks they require support beyond that supplied by his own reputation.

On both sides the lying about affairs in Cuba is sustained, many colored, prodigious, and shameful. But there is a multitude of circumstances confirmatory of the report that Maceo was invited to a parley by the Spaniards and murdered. Such a story would not be believed of the English or the French or the Germans. It would be believed of Sioux Indians and of Weyler. It is believed of Weyler. It is widely believed. His own methods, his orders, and his reputation are responsible for the general credence given to the terrible story in advance of actual proof and for the indignation it has caused.

The Fighting Forces in Cuba.

New York World.)

The death of Maceo has stirred the Cubans to greater activity, and while Spain is wasting time in barbaric rejoicing the patriots are strengthening their lines with reinforcements of men and munitions of war.

According to the best estimates they now have between 25,000 and 30,000 men under Gomez, Rivera, Delgado, Garcia, Diez and other leaders. As these are much better armed and equipped at present than they have ever been before, the Department of State is justified in it as seeing that the patriots now have a better prospect of success than in any previous rising.

At the last report in October Spain had shipped to Cuba 165,551 men, and it is now said that these have been reinforced up to 200,000, but over two thirds of them are used to garrison the towns and the trochas, while the last report from the hospitals showed the presence of 17,000 Spanish invalids, with a mortality for the whole army of 163 to the thousand.

Although Spain spent $64,000,000 on the war during the last fiscal year, it accomplished nothing which it could claim as a success until the death of Maceo. Instead of being discouraged by this loss the Cubans are organizing for a greater effort, and it is not at all unlikely that before the close of the winter they will be virtual masters not only of Pinar del Rio but of Havana Province.

Street Music.

Hamilton Clarke in The Milwaukee Sentinel.)

Mein fri nds, I'm blaying, as you know,
Ze lofely, lifely piccolo,
Mitt trills, und shakes, of songs or psalms,
More sweet as anysing of Brahm's.
Ach so, Ach so!
Mein lofely, lifely piccolo.

Und I, mein friends, make music flow,
From out mein cornet, soft or low,
Or shrill and loud, boze can he be,
Ze noble instrument is he
Ach so, Ach so!
Mein cornet loud, or soft und low.

Mit all mein lungs I prafely blow
Mein big trombone fortissimo;
Und when you'fe heard me play him, ach!
You vill not vish for zings by Bach.
Ach so, Ach so!
Mein big trombone fortissimo.

Und I mit bangings to und fro,
Mein drums sweet music I vill shew,
It may be loud or soft, mein friends,
I bang it till ze music ends.
Ach so, Ach so!
Mein drum is loudest I vill show.

Ve'll play ze "Wacht am Rhein," alzough
You seem to vish zat ve should go.
Ach! vat? you say zat ve must cease
Or you vill fetch us ze police?
Ach so, Ach so!
If ze police komm, ve must go.

Fayetteville Beats Newbern.

Fayetteville beat Newbern in the number of visitors to Wilmington to see the Kirmess. On Tuesday night, "Fayetteville night," there were considerably over a hundred of our town people present, while Wednesday, "Newbern night," Newbern was represented by only sixty of her citizens.

A New Mayor for Hope Mills.

Hope Mills has a new Mayor and it is 'Squire J. D. Cashwell. Mayor S. H. Cotton Monday tendered his resignation and the town commissioners were compelled, though reluctantly, to accept it.

Mr. Cotton took this action on account of his recent election as chairman of the board of county commissioners. During Mr. Cotton's mayoralty Hope Mills thrived as it never did before and to day it is a model village. Mr. Cashwell will no doubt prove a worthy successor.

Statement of the indebtedness of the County of Cumberland as Reported by J. B. Troy, Treasurer, to December 1st, 1896

To amount due for old County Bonds issued June 1st, 1877, running 20 years, interest 7 per cent.		$83,300 00
To amount due for Bonds, known as Clarendon Bridge Bonds, issued 1884, running 20 years, interest 7 per cent.		
23 bonds @ $500	11 500 00	
81 " @ $100	8,100 00	
To New Court House Bonds, issued 1893, running 20 years, interest 6 per cent.		
20 bonds @ $500	10,000 00	
100 " @ $100	10,000 00	
To New Jail Bonds, issued 1896, running 10 years, interest 6 per cent.		7,500 00
To amount of Floating Debt, supposed to be about		3,000 00
		$133,400 00

I hereby certify the above to be correct as stated in the report of John B, Troy, Treasurer, December 1st, 1896.

ALEX McNEILL, Reg. Deeds,
and ex officio Clerk Board Co. Com.

NEW COURT HOUSE ACCOUNT.

John B. Troy, Treasurer,
To Cumberland County, Dr.

1895		
Dec 1, To bal. due last settlement	$ 540 23	
" To amt. reed. of Sheriff McD. Geddie, W & W R R	2,347 10	
1896		
Nov 2, To amt. reed of McD. Geddie, Sheriff, W & W R R tax	2,771 61	
Contra.		
1895		
Dec By paid coupons		$ 75 00
do coms. to McP Geddie Sheff on $2,347 00		117 35
1896		
Jan 6 By pd. coupons		171 00
Feb 14 do do		15 00
June 6 do do		1,071 00
do 6 jail b'ds		3,000
Coms on $5,118 71 receipts @ 1½		63 98
do $4,449 35 disbursements 1½		55 61
Balon hand due C H account		1,090 00
	$5,658 94	$5,658 94

I Alex McNeil, Reg. Deeds and ex officio Clerk of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of J. B. Troy, Treasurer, is a true copy as represented by him.

This December 1, 1896.

ALEX. McNEIL, Reg. Deeds,
and ex officio Clerk to Board.

The Sinking Fund Committee have in hand $3,000 00 invested in bonds.

BRIDGE FUND.

John B Troy, Treasurer,
To Cumberland County. Dr.

1895		
Dec 1, To bal due from last settlement	$ 84 02	
To cash reed. of McD Geddie, Sheriff,	3,134 73	
To cash reed. of J B Smith, ex Sheriff	1,825 00	
To cash reed. of div. Peopl's Nat Bank	184 08	
Contra.		
By paid coupons		$ 1,732 50
do ins. on bridge		250 00
do ad. bridge bonds		7 00
do repairs on bridge		118 98
do bridge bonds redeemed		1,900 00
By com. on $5,143 81 receipts 1½		64 29
do $4,008 48 disb 1½		50 10
By bal on hand due bridge fund		1,104 96
	$5,227 83	$5,227 83

I, Alex. McNeil, Reg. Deeds, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the account of J. B. Troy, Treasurer, with the bridge funds for the year 1895.

Dec 1, 1896.

ALEX. McNEIL, Reg. Deeds.

NEW JAIL.

J. B. Troy, in account with
New Jail Building Com.

To sale 4 jail bonds		$2,000 00
do 2 do		1,000 00
do 3 do		2,370 00
do 2 do		1,000 00
do house and lot No. 3		350 00
do of the old court house to the Manly Manfg. Co. contractors		500 00
Contra.		
By amt paid orders of Building Com.	$6,455 41	
By coms. on $7,220 00 receipts 1½	90 25	
do on $6 455 41 disb. 1½	80 69	
	$7,220 00	$7,220 00

I hereby certify the above to be correct as stated in the report of J. B. Troy, Treasurer.

Dec. 1, 1896.

ALEX. McNEILL, Reg. Deeds.

BALANCE SHEET.

John B. Troy, Treasurer,
To Cumberland County, Dr.

To balance in hand last settlement	$ 54 02	
To amt. received of McD. Geddie, Sheriff, from Dec. '94 to Dec. '96	18,079 09	
To amt. reed. from Collections on land sales	31 28	
Marriage Licenses	139 65	
J. B. Smith, ex sheriff,	390 43	
D. N. McLean, J P	2 10	
Cyrus Murphy, insolvent	1 90	
W H Pope, Attorney, land sales back taxes	649 91	
W W Autry, jailor, for fees of U S prisoners	66 30	
W W Autry, jailor, for fees for	132 00	
J E Garrett, for old furniture	5 10	
I B Hair, hire of prisoners	26 00	
C B Newberry, hire of prisoners	3 00	
Col F W Devane, do	4 00	
New Court House	10 00	
	$19,594 68	
Contra.		
By cash paid poor	$ 615 12	
do courts	2,213 02	
do insolvents	794 65	
do Commissioners	406 60	
do County coupons	6,902 00	
do bridges	1,237 34	
do taxes	1,480 10	
do clerk to board	545 25	
do poor house	1,063 97	
do court house	138 74	
do physician	321 00	
do insane	179 15	
do jail	2,169 87	
do elections	22 20	
do inquest	73 20	
do county attorney	150 00	
do roads	25 80	
do printing	100 90	
do auditing com.	36 00	
do new jail	24 00	
do medicine for poor	41 55	
do stationery	59 60	
do school	4 00	
	$18,604 11	
By com. on receipts $19,594 68 @ ½	$244 25	
do on dis. $18,604 11 1½	232 25	
By balance on hand due county fund	514 07	
	$19,594 68	

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the report as furnished by J. B. Troy, Treasurer.
This December 1st, 1896.

ALEX. McNEILL, Reg. Deeds.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Of Claims Audited and Ordered Paid by the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County from December 1st, 1895 to December 1st, 1896.

POOR.

Eliza Wheeler	supplies	$12 00
Allen Davis and wife	do	36 00
Philis Allen	do	18 00
M J Hollingsworth	do	18 00
Bridgett Campbell	do	18 00
Sabra Hall (error)	do	——
Wm Bridgers and wife	do	24 00
Mary Shaw	do	18 00
John Osheltree	do	24 00
Patsy Phillips	do	18 00
Hudson children	do	36 00
Alice Hales	do	24 00
Christian Wilson	do	24 00
Gracie McLean	do	18 00
Mrs Alex Blanton	do	18 00
Rebecca Strickland	do	18 00
Harriet Sewall	do	12 00
Mrs Ann Wood	do	18 00
Charlotte Johnson	do	12 00
Elizabeth Mazingo	do	24 00
Mrs Mary Smith	do	12 00
Wiley Medlin	do	10 50
Martin Wallace	do	18 00
Charley Jones	do	18 00
Ed Pope	do	6 00
Martha Starling	do	18 00
Lewis Armstrong	do	1 00
N N Smith and wife	do	2 00
Mrs Straughan	do	1 00
Mary Malone	do	10 00
Lizzie Powers	do	50
J O Williams (burying pauper)		4 50
J T Sinclair burying W Medlin		4 50
S T Ray bringing pauper to town		1 00
M T West digging grave		1 50
		$498 50

POOR HOUSE

S Sheetz & Sons	supplies	16 25
W G Clark	"	117 72
E N Williams	"	60
W T West	digging graves	6 00
Alex Leslie	salary	316 90
J & O Evans	supplies	99 17
B E Sedberry & Son	medicines	20 55
J R McNeill & Sons	coffins &c.	57 75
Dr J Vance McGougan salary including balance due for 1895		325 00
Dr J. Vance McGougan visit to sick at Manchester		142 00
Dr J Vance McGougan special visits and ex		20 00
H R Horne	medicines	29 80
Charles Haigh	supplies	22 30
A Garrason	"	17 47
A M Murchison	conveying corpse	1 00
Dr W C McDuffie	co phy pro tem	25 00
J B Starr	guano bill	12 00
J C Vann	supplies	32 73
Mike Folb	"	15 25
Hollingsworth & Holland	supplies	60
A E Rankin & Co	"	18 18
J F Powers & Son	"	22 20
A J Cook & Co	medicines	38 40
Dr W C McDuffie visit to sick at Manchester		12 00
W C McDuffie Jr	medecines	41 55
King Bros	"	56 25
Total		1,475.67

BRIDGES.

A J Davis	lumber &c	9 00
A J Jones	"	20 50
J A Wright	repairs	62 50
W J McCraney	"	4 40
Jno Smith	"	6 00
Jno E. Townsend	"	15 25
Alex Carter	"	3 60
Jno E Davis	"	13 00
H M Howard	"	7 00
J T Townsend	"	121 67
W McK Monroe	"	4 00
W H H Wade and J D Autry	"	12 50
Carter & Jones	"	25 69
Abel Payne	"	1 15
Walter Watson	materials	27 34
J H Walker Clarendon bridge labor		69 00
B G Hollingsworth "	" shingles	6 00
T B Newberry	bridge McIver st	1 25
Love Nunnallee	" Rockfish repairs	20 00
E J Hale & Son	ad bridge bonds	7 00
A J Bullard & Son	material	10 13
J H Johnson	repairs	52 75
J D Lockamy	"	12 00
J Hector Smith	Repairs and letting out bridges	42 00
J & O Evans	materials	4 18
D N McLean	repairs	4 00
W F Thomason	"	3 25
Consider Boushee	Clarendon bridge	1 00
E E & J E Buie	repairs	7 00
Huske's Hardware House	Clarendon bridge	2 40
A H Slocomb	Clarendon bridge	32 85
Luther Lee	material	2 40
Nevin McLaurin	repairs	11 08
J A Culbreth	"	4 75
W D Smith	letting out bridge	4 00
J H Bullard	material	11 28
M H Hall	"	7 25
C W Wright	Clarendon Bridge	5 00
Total		654 17

ROADS

G F Bullard	serving road orders	5 40
Angus Ray	"	11 40
J D Autry	"	12 60
D J Ray	"	1 80
McD Geddie	sheriff "	1 20
D B Gillis	"	10 80
Geo A Graham	"	4 20
A A Harrington Jr	material foot ways	4 30
J W Maultsby	serving road orders	7 20
R J Baker	"	4 80
J J Pate	"	5 40
Total		69 10

TAXES.

Isaac Strickland	list taker	3 60
E H Evans	over paid and refunded	60 00
Edwards & Broughton	binding tax books	6 50
Fay. Printing and Publishing Co	tax notices	2 60
Z B Newton	list taker	35 00
B F McBryde	"	25 00
C A Usher	"	25 00
Chas Glover	"	74 00
D M Beard	"	18 00
C F Autry	"	35 00
H L Hall	"	20 00
N D M Clark	"	42 00
D J Patterson	"	24 00
W J Johnson	"	14 00
Eugene W Smith	"	28 00
J M Lamb audtg. Sheriff Geddie's account		24 00
C G Cain audtg Sheriff Geddie's account		24 00
Jas D McNeill audtg Sheriff Geddie account		8 00
Alex McNeill Reg Deeds making up tax books for 1896		375 00
total		$843 10

ELECTIONS.

Fayetteville Observer ad prec'ts		$13 00

INSANE.

McD Geddie conveying patients to asylum		$115 00

ASYLUM.

J W Carter conveying his children deaf, dumb and blind asy.		$15 00

INQUEST.

Dr J F Highsmith coroner		$16 00
J T Bynum	Juror	1 50
J W D Campbell	do	1 50
J H Johnson	do	1 50
E M Judd	do	1 50
J Odam	do	1 50
T J Hornaday	do	1 50
E W Emmerson	do	1 50
M Johnson	do	1 50
M B Davis	do	1 50
J S Ray	do	1 50
Jno F Ratley	do	1 50
Jno Nelson	do	1 50
Dr J V McGougan post mortem		10 00
Charles Glover coroner		7 70
J E Hawley	juror	1 50
J W Ingold	do	1 50
D D Jones	do	1 50
W J T Hall	do	1 50
Wm L Russell	do	1 50
C D Hall	do	1 50
		$60 70

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Rev. B. B. Hall and the University.

Our able countyman, the Rev. B. R. Hall, Presiding Elder of Washington District in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this State, took a very prominent part in the proceedings of the Conference just held at Kinston. Among other things, we are glad to note that his fine instincts as well as his North Carolinianism, as we see it, have influenced him to take a stand against the movement to discontinue, or curtail, State aid to the University.

The Monday Night Affair.

The officers have not yet been able to detect the parties who fired the cannon crackers Monday night and which will probably result in the loss of James West's hand. The officers do not think that West was concerned in it and believe that he simply picked up one of the lighted missiles, not knowing the danger. The whole affair seems to have been preconcerted as these monster crackers were fired in different parts of the city at the same time.

It Should be Made a Street.

The alley which runs by Goddard's stables and connects Hay and Franklin streets has been closed to the public by Mr. Goddard who owns the land. Heretofore Mr. Goddard has allowed it to be used as a public thoroughfare and it has been a great convenience to draymen and others who have business at the C. F. & Y. V. depots. We learn that Mr. Goddard offered to sell the property to the city but that it was refused.

The city should purchase it by all means if it can be had at a reasonable price.

The Artesian Well.

A depth of over two hundred feet has been reached in the artesian well which is being bored on Mr. Elijah Sheppard's place on Rowan street. The drill is now pounding its way through a rock, whose depth seems interminable, 17 feet having already been bored into it.

The Rev. A. B. Crumpler, the famous sanctificationist, was located by the recent Methodist Conference at Kinston after a struggle to dismiss. He will remain at Clinton.

The Rev. J. T. Kendall, the Kenansville sanctificationist, was refused re admission to the Conference.

Do You Use It?

It's the best thing for the hair under all circumstances. Just as no man by taking thought can add an inch to his stature, so no preparation can make hair. The utmost that can be done is to promote conditions favorable to growth. This is done by Ayer's Hair Vigor. It removes dandruff, cleanses the scalp, nourishes the soil in which the hair grows, and, just as a desert will blossom under rain, so bald heads grow hair, when the roots are nourished. But the roots must be there. If you wish your hair to retain its normal color, or if you wish to restore the lost tint of gray or faded hair use

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

DELICATE WOMEN

Should Use

BRADFIELD'S

FEMALE REGULATOR.

IT IS A SUPERB TONIC and exerts a wonderful influence in strengthening her system by driving through the proper channel all impurities. Health and strength are guaranteed to result from its use.

My wife was bedridden for eighteen months, after using BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR for two months, is getting well.—
J. M. JOHNSON, Malvern, Ark.

BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.
Sold by all Druggists at $1.00 per bottle.

The Sanctification Meeting.

The first of the sanctification meetings in this city began under the big tent near Poe's brick yard Thursday. There were about one hundred people present, and most of them stayed to the end despite the bitter cold. On the platform with Evangelist Harper were several sanctified persons who are accompanying him on his mission. The meeting last night was little more than an introductory, the Rev. Mr. Harper, explaining his theory, (which we confess we were too stupid to comprehend,) seemingly to the satisfaction of a number of persons, for at the request "all sanctified persons arise," eight or ten stood up, a request for "all those who wish to be sanctified as explained here please arise," about twenty arose. The preacher introduced himself by saying that up to recently he had been a drunkard and a gambler and that he received the new doctrine while conf

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A HIGHHANDED PROPOSITION.

From Monday's Daily.)

It has long seemed to us that the President was inelined to take an exaggerated view of the powers of his office, and to be disposed to exereise those he considered himself possessed of in a despotic way. Witness—without going into an enumeration of all his offenses in this regard—his threat of war against Great Britain in his Venezuelan message, notwithstanding the war declaring power is conferred upon Congress alone; his threat to revive one of the alien and sedition brood of laws to imprisen an editor for endeavoring, through a free press, to prevent him from provoking war; his appointment of a member of the Senate to office, in violation of the express letter of the Constitution; his bottling up of the resolutions of Congress, at its last session, recognizing Cuban belligerency; and so on, and so on.

No doubt these laches and offenses arose from the President's deficient education and unfavorable Northern environment, as well as from defects of disposition. It is probable that Mr. Cleveland never read a work on constitutional and international law before his nomination for the Presidency. And, unless he had done so, it is certain that he would never have acquired any just knowledge of the fundamental law of his country from his surroundings, these being among a people whose leaders inculcated the doctrine that the Federal Constitution was "a league with hell and a covenant with death."

Immunity from punishment, however, appears at last to have emboldened the President to go to an extreme which takes the breath away. A Washington telegram in yesterday's papers, referring to the determination of the Senate foreign affairs committee to favorably report the Cameron resolution, says:

Secretary Olney, being asked his opinion as to the nature and effect of the proposed resolution recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba, said to a Southern Associated Press reporter:

"I have no objection to stating my own view of the resolution respecting the independnce of the so-called republic of Cuba, which, it is reported, is to be laid before the Senate on Monday. Indeed, there are likely to be serious misapprehensions regarding the resolution, both in this country and abroad, and as such apprehension may have injurious results of grave character, it is perhaps my duty to point out that the resolution, if passed by the Senate, can probably be regarded only as an expression of opinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the House. The power to recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent State rests exclusively with the executive. A resolution on the subject by the House, or by both bodies, whether concurrent or joint, is inoperative as legislation, and is important only as evidence of the weight voluntarily tendered to the executive regarding the manner in which he shall exercise his constitutional functions. The operation and effect of the proposed resolution, therefore, even if passed by both houses of Congress by a two-thirds vote, are perfectly plain. It may raise expectations in some quarters which can never be realized. It may inflame popular passions both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in peril the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and traveling abroad, and will certainly obstruct and perhaps defeat the best intents of this government to afford such citizens due protection. But except in these ways, and unless the advice embodied in the resolution shall lead the executive to revise conclusions already reached and officially declared, the resolution will be without effect, and will leave unaltered the attitude of this government towards the two contending parties in Cuba."

Mr. Olney is, of course, understood to speak for the President. He says: "The power to recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent State rests exclusively with the executive."

That is a very advanced position to take.

During the 17th Congress (1822 23), "*in accordance with the recommendation of the President*" (Monroe), a resolution was passed by Congress recognizing the independence of Mexico and five new States in South America, formerly under the dominion of Spain as Provinces.

Mr. Olney probably rests his contention upon the authority conferred upon the President in section 3 of article 2 of the Constitution, to "receive ambassadors and other public Ministers." President Jackson, on this day sixty years ago (December 21, 1836), sent a message to Congress, which sets an important precedent, especially when we remember his strong view of the Presidential prerogatives as exhibited in his "nullification" proclamation and in his course towards the United States Bank. In referring to the President's duty to receive Ambassadors, &c., Kent, in his commentaries (1826 to1848) (vol. 1, page 288, of the edition of 1849) says:

It was considered, in *The Message of President Jackson to Congress, of the 21st December, 1836, in relation to Texas*, to be an unsettled question, to whom, under the government of the United States, strictly belonged the power of originally recognising a new state. It was either necessarily involved in some of the great powers given to congress, or in that given to the President and Senate, to form treaties with foreign powers, and to appoint ambassadors and other public ministers, or in that conferred upon the President to receive ministers from foreign nations. It was admitted to be most expedient, that the recognition of the independence of a newly assumed state should be left to the decision of congress, and especially when the exercise of the power would probably lead to war.

Sheppard, in his "Constitutional Text Book," (1855) says:

"The President is authorized to receive ambassadors and other public ministers, because he is the chief magistrate of the country, and is at the head of the government. Consuls are not mentioned in this clause by name, but they have been considered as included within the general language employed. Foreign ministers must present their credentials to the President, which must receive his allowance, or exequatur, as it is called, before they can perform any official act."

It is plain that Sheppard regarded the reception of ambassadors, &c., as merely a duty attaching to the office of President as head of the government, and that it had not entered his mind to reverse the precedent of Jackson and to regard this ceremonial and personal function as reaching back to the question of whether a new power was entitled to send us any new diplomatic representatives at all. With the power to *receive* ambassadors would naturally go the correlative power to *reject* one who might be *persona non grata*, that is, personally objectionable to the President or to the nation. It does not seem to us that any intelligent student of the Constitution would for a moment consider that the President's privilege, under that grant of power, went a single step further.

Story says (¶ 290, page 176, of his "Exposition of the Constitution" published in 1840):

"The power to receive ambassadors and other public ministers, is a very important and delicate function; and far more so, than it seems to have been deemed even by the framers of the Constitution. In times of profound tranquility throughout the world, it may properly be confided to the Executive alone But it is not so clear, that the Senate ought not, in cases of revolutions in foreign governments, to partake of the functions, by their advice and consent. The refusal to receive an ambassador or minister, is sometimes a source of discontent to foreign nations, and may even provoke public hostilities. But in cases of revolution or the separation of a kingdom into two or more distinct governments, the acknowledgement of an ambassador or minister of either party, is often treated as an interference in the contest, and may lead to an open rupture."

It is to be borne in mind that Story is considering merely the attitude of the President towards the representative of a revolutionary government in the absence of action by Congress—for example, while it is not in session. No one would have dreamed of the case of a President who should not respect the action of the law-making branch of the government in a matter in which its express power (the power to declare war) was much more nearly involved than the hazy inferential power claimed by Mr. Olney for the executive branch.

Kent, Sheppard and Story were all Northern men, and all leaned to the side of the latitudinarian rather than to that of the strict construetionists of the Constitution, and in the works of neither of them is there any warrant for the high-handed view which the President gives to the public through his Secretary of State. If the President shall, upon his return from South Carolina, formally confirm Mr. Olney's words, Congress should impeach him. That it will not do so is due to the fact that the House, the impeaching power, is in sympathy with the President, as a large majority of its members are Republicans.

Since the above was put in type, the Northern papers of Sunday have come to hand with various comments upon Olney's astounding proposition.

AN IMPUDENT AND IGNORANT REVOLUTIONIST.

From Tuesday's Daily.)

Nothing can exceed the cool impudence of the President's man Olney in his defiance of Congress. Yesterday we discussed the question from the standpoint of the recognized authorities on those parts of the Constitution which remained unaffected by the amendments that followed our civil war. There is, as we suppose everyone knows, nothing whatever in those amendments which affects the relation of the President with Congress, or which adds one jot or tittle to the President's independent power as an executive. The authorities—Kent, Sheppard and Story—quoted by us yesterday, and held to be the best before the civil war, are the best since the war in respect to those things which remain untouched by the war.

There is nothing in those authorities which remotely justifies Mr. Olney's position. Yet we have it upon the word of Mr. Olney himself that he made "a careful study of the Constitution before he became Secretary of State." Just as if a college professor should declare that, beore entering upon his duties, he had made a careful study of the English grammar. Here is Mr. Olney's statement on this point, as preserved by the Philadelphia Record's Washington correspondent

"Secretary Olney departed from his usual custom of denying himself to newspaper men and to-day spoke freely. He said that the memorandum he had drawn up as to the relative positions of Congress and the President on the question of the recognition of a new Government was derived from a careful study of the Constitution entered on by him before he became Secretary of State. He specified in detail certain things which, in his judgment, Congress could not do, which included other matters than the recognition of new governments, and stated his opinion, as a constitutional lawyer, that these matters rested with the Executive alone."

His views on the vital Constitutional question involved were "derived from a careful study of the Constitution entered on by him before he became Secretary of State"! That is to say, the study of the law of the land was begun by this provincial when the President put him in contact with Federal affairs as Attorney General.

The incident confirms the view often expressed by us that the bulk of the evils—a ridiculous monetary system, a commerce-destroying tariff, and so forth, and so forth—suffered by the country since the North got possession of the government as a result of the South's secession, is due to the gross ignorance of the science of government and of our system of government in particular which characterizes the public men of the dominant section.

Why the Northern public men of education are so ignorant of the Constitution might be an interesting study. Probably two things are chiefly responsible for that, viz: the sordid money-making environment of their colleges; and the fact that the Constitution's recognition of African slavery rendered their fathers' warfare upon that institution the act of traitors.

The contrast between the thoroughly equipped Southerners and the ignorant Northerners in the discussion of the Tilden-Hayes affair in Congress was so glaring that the "metropolitan" newspapers were forced to hang their heads in shame in commenting upon it. The Southerners had the immense advantage of possessing *seasoned* knowledge of the great chart of our rights, while their opponents, though often graduates of Harvard and Yale, were forced to "cram" for the occasion. This is precisely what Mr. Olney, by his own admission, appears to have been compelled to do after reaching Washington.

Like his chief, the Secretary of State has neither training nor natural fitness for his exalted position, and the result is that he has revealed himself as not only an impudent but a very ignorant revolutionist.

OLNEY'S BLUFF.

It is plain that the President and his man Olney have been steadily working in the interest of Spain. Since the adoption of Cameron's resolution by the Senate foreign affairs committee, the spanish Premier, Canovas, has cabled a letter to the New York Journal in which he admits that the recognition of Cuban belligerency, or even of Cuban independence, if unaccompanied by intervention, would not be taken by Spain to be a cause of war. Yet, before the adoption of the Cameron resolution, Olney permitted the following to be published in the Washington correspondence of the New York World:

"Although Secretary Olney exercises extraordinary reserve, the correspondent of The World is able upon high authority to state certain facts which he will present to the committee. This authority is the same as that by which The World was permitted to publish, nearly two weeks in advance, an accurate forecast of Secretary Olney's recent report on Cuban affairs. According to this authority Secretary Olney will give to the committee a piece of information that Senor De Lome, the Spanish Minister, has unofficially conveyed to him. It is that France, Russia and Holland have instructed their representatives here that the instant the United States takes any official action towards acknowledging either the belligerency or the independence of Cuba (without previous provocation or an affront by Spain against the United States) they are to inform the Secretary of State that their Governments consider this act hostile and unfriendly."

What the Cubans need is the recognition of their rights as belligerents by the United States. What Senor De Lome, the Spanish Minister, has succeeded in doing is the prevention of such recognition. It is plain that he has the powerful help of the President and his man Olney, and, as we pointed out when Congress passed the belligerency resolutions a year ago, apparently also of the two foreign affairs chairmen of Congress, Senator Sherman and Congressman Hitt. The passage of the resolutions in a form that did not force the President's hand was the work of this couple.

THE "METROPOLITAN" PAPERS.

After our article of yesterday was put in type, the "Metropolitan" papers of Sunday came along; but while they are filled with all manner of "news" about the exciting theme which our crazy Secretary of State has made acute, they do not throw much editorial light upon the subject. After awhile, no doubt, they will grope their way to Kent and the others, and then give us the benefit of their views on the light they find there.

At present it may be noted, for example, that the New York World and the New York Journal regard—and very properly so, of course—Mr. Olney's proclamation of defiance to Congress as revolutionary, incendiary and "anarchistic"; that the mug wump New York Times hasn't yet made up its mind to make any comment whatever; and that the Philadelphia Record, in attempting to define the three co-ordinated powers of our Federal government, makes the astonishing statement that Congress has nothing to do with treaty making! On the contrary, the Senate (which is a part of Congress) shares the treaty making power with the President.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"There is no doubt," says the Atlanta Constitution, "as to the sentiment of this country in favor of recognizing the independence of Cuba. All that the struggling patriots ask is that they be given at least the same showing that is extended, by us, to their Spanish oppressors—that our ports be thrown open to both sides, and that we, as a government, maintain strict neutrality between the two contending forces. This being done, the situation will adjust itself in a way that will be satisfactory to the cause of human liberty throughout the civilized world."

MEXICO AS A FIELD FOR INVESTMENT?

The Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina Writes of its Many Advantages.

From Modern Mexico.)

Nothing is more sincere or less sentimental than capital. Whither capital flows in a steady, ever-widening and ever-deepening stream, there must be good cause for it. Men who are shrewd enough to amass large fortunes and keep them are usually men of sound judgment. When such men send their capital to foreign parts in preference to investing it more immediately within their own supervision in their own country, it is good proof that the foreign country offers greatly superior advantages. That large quantities of American capital have sought and still seek investment in Mexico is a matter of public and common knowledge, seen and known by all who have visited that country, but lest this be too general, I will refer to the official evidences of it.

In a special consular report recently is sued by the State Department of the United States, entitled "Money and Prices in Foreign Countries," on page 115, Hon. M. W. Ransom, U. S. minister to Mexico, reports: "It is not extravagant to say that in the last 10 years citizens of the United States have invested in Mexico, in mines, railroads, lands, and other undertakings, sums much larger in the aggregate than the whole amount of money in circulation in the republic," and on the page before that he estimates the money in circulation as $166,000,000 to $134,000,000. Again on page 134 of the same volume, he says: "In my judgment, the money that is flowing in millions from the United States into this country, and our enterprising and intelligent citizens who are coming with it, are among the greatest promoters of the development and improvement of Mexico." Minister Ransom is an avowed single gold-standard man, having abandoned his former advocacy of the retention of silver. This report, therefore, by a gold-standard minister to a gold-standard administration, of the steady outflow of capital from this gold-standard country to find superior investments in the "silver republic," is not tainted with any suspicion of bias towards the white metal. It is "good as gold."

As to single instances of large investments, Governor Crittendon, United States consul-general to Mexico, in the United States consular report, April, 1896, on page 584, informs our state department that Americans (giving their names) had "bought the street railway systems of Mexico City for $7,750,000, and would put $12,000,000 thereon besides in improvements." When $20,000,000 are thus invested in a single enterprise in a single city of Mexico, it is proof conclusive that the cautious, prudent owners of large capital deem Mexico a safe and profitable field for investment. Indeed, Minister Ransom's estimate of 106 to 130 millions of money from the United States invested in Mexico is a very conservative one. The true amount has been probably three times, and certainly as much as double that sum. Nearly the entire railway system of Mexico, with the exception of one railroad built with British capital, is owned by citizens of the United States. Our people have invested in nearly every species of property. Mines they have bought, of course, but coffee culture offers large profits, and has attracted large sums for investment. Mexican coffee is of a very superior grade, and all that is shipped to this country commands a prompt sale. Orange groves are far more profitable than in Florida, being exempt from frost, and over 400 car loads have already been shipped this season through to Chicago and others of our large cities. Trucking is profitable, tomatoes and other vegetables being shipped by the car load to Chicago early in January. Ice and electric plants are being established and operated in the Mexican cities by our people, and command large profits. Americans are also extending the railroad system, which has not yet, by any means, reached the limit of the demand. Corn enough for the needs of Mexico is rarely raised in that republic, and brings more than double the price it does in our northwestern states. The same is true of wheat. With the cheap labor they have in Mexico, and remunerative prices, active, enterprising American farmers would find profit south of the Rio Grande in their business.

No land offers better or equal advantages for the establishment of sanitariums. The scenery is unsurpassed, and the climate, in the more favored parts, around Guadalajara, for instance, recalls the poet's ideal "Island Valley of Avalon,"

"Where falls not hail nor rain nor any snow,
Nor ever wind blows loudly."

The south of France nor the Riviera can rival the scenery or the climate of the table-lands of central Mexico. If the magnificent hotels of Florida were properly located in those table-lands they would be filled many times to overflowing. Indeed, there is scarce any line of business which will not offer inducements, if there is reasonable judgment and discretion used.

Life and property are as safe in Mexico as in the most settled of our states; indeed, acts of violence are far rarer, and when committed are more certainly and promptly punished than by our courts.

Of course, in Mexico, as in all countries, there are sharpers who live upon the unwary and unsuspecting, but persons visiting that country to make investments should deal, as at home, only with reliable parties. Before going out, intending visitors should, if possible, open correspondence with proper parties who can give them reliable information in the particular line they are working. It would also be advisable for parties to subscribe for awhile, at least, to some English paper devoted to Mexico and her interests. The language of the country is very easily and readily learned, and until acquired the number of Americans and others speaking our tongue will make it easy to travel or transact business.

WALTER CLARK.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 18, 1896.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Of Claims Audited and Ordered Paid by the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County from December 1st, 1895 to December 1st, 1896.

JAIL (old).

S Sheetz & son	supplies	$ 16 65
Jno Stewart	labor	75
W R Biggs	jailor	1 00
McD Geddie Shf fee'ing pris'ers		1,338 59
do do	repairs	16 55
J C Vann	supplies	18 09
J N Emmett	coal	16 00
Fayetteville Gas Co	coke	2: 40
Clinton Hall	labor	1 50
McMillan Bros	supplies	37 95
Jno S Maultsby	do	9 40
W S Maultsby	do	8 40
J R Vann & Co	do	6 00
J W Johnson	labor	9 25
Robt Halliday	do	1 00
W W Autry	do	1 50
F W Thornton & Son	supplies	28 35
		$1,533 36

NEW JAIL.

Fayetteville Observer	advertis'g	$ 3 80
do Print & Pub Co	print'g	23 20
J T Sinclair	services	7 00
W Doug Smith	do	14 00
J M Lamb	do	9 00
Morris Hall	do	6 20
J H Smith	do	8 20
		$71 40

COURTS.

Cyrus Murphy C S C	dockets etc	$34 02
McD Geddie sheriff		76 40
Fay Print & Pub Co	printing	25 85
Baptist Print Co	do	3 00
J N Emmett	coal	13 75
A J Pemberton & Co	supplies	23 75
J M Goddard team	hire grand jury	2 00
Hotel LaFayette	board for jury	23 00
Reuben Elliot	labor	2 00
Edwards & Broughton	stationery	37 50
J A Hyatt	ice	3 00
G A Burns team	hire for grand jury	3 50
W J Cotton	janitor services	9 55
J A Martin	board of jury	48 00
		$305 32

COURT HOUSE.

B E Sedberry & Son	paints	$ 3 53
W J Cotton	janitor services	42 20
James Tucker	labor	1 00
J R McNeill & Son	do	2 80
J M Lamb	labor on C H grounds	16 25
Thos H Maultsby	labor	6 75
Fay Gas Co	gas	12 50
J & O Evans	supplies	50
Huske Hardware House	do	3 55
Fay Print & Pub Co	C H bonds	17 50
Wm Mann Co	record book	13 40
W N Tillinghast	supplies	9 30
Hollingsworth & Holland	do	45
Manly Manfg Co	hauling etc	18 76
Danl Graham	hat racks	75
Fay Water Works	water	12 00
W H Newberry	benches	9 00
C W Wright	painting	3 00
		$173 24

PRINTING.

Fayetteville Observer	adv ex	$41 00
do	[illegible] jail lot	5 00
		$46 00

INSOLVENT ACCOUNT JAN'Y TERM, 1896.

H F Seawell solicitor		$95 00
Cyrus Murphy C S C		57 03
C G Cain ex C S C		15 20
McD Geddie sheriff		38 20
J B Smith, ex-sheriff		3 80
W S Cook mayor		2 60
Frank McNeill ex-sol		2 00
D N McLean J P		80
W D Gaster J P		2 67
C P Overby J P		5 22
E Hewett sheriff New Hanover		2 35
W H H Wade J P		88
E Creech J P		15
J H Benton police		80
J W Maultsby constable		13 60
W H Fowler chief police		3 65
R J Baker constable		1 20
Jno P McLeod sheriff of Robeson		30
John L Currie sheriff of Moore		1 45
M W Page sheriff of Wake		90
R H Bunting J P		1 95
J W Willis constable		2 20
J A Hawkins sheriff of Guilford		30
Dr J H Marsh expert		5 00
Dr J F Highsmith expert		5 00
J R Carter	witness	1 24
A W Faulkner	do	5 85
W K Parker	do	1 25
Rufus Byrd	do	1 30
Nancy Bowman	do	2 05
A Garrason	do	2 27
C E Thomas	do	2 05
Lewis Bruton	do	5 85
J V Carver	do	1 25
J M Strickland	do	1 30
Mary Smith	do	2 05
Chelsea Williams	do	1 60
J C Koonce	do	1 65
Mike McDonald	do	1 24
J N Creal	do	1 15
J H Benton	do	1 05
"	do	2 05
Catty Williams	do	1 55
Harriet Williams	do	8 40
Jordan Williams	do	8 40
Sampson McEachern	do	7 40
Rich'd Campbell	do	5 95
A E Gilchrist	do	7 10
Joe Leavey	do	8 40
Doublin Chancey	do	7 60
Rena Parker	do	3 70
Jno Pendergrass	do	3 70
Jno Morrison	do	6 50
Walter J Murray	do	6 40
Jno Cavanaugh Jr	do	6 50
Jordan McIver	do	6 30
Henry Dobbin	do	6 30
Jno Hart	do	6 40
Hardy Hart	do	6 30
Rob't Johnson	do	6 30
J S Cameron	do	6 30
A J Pendergrass	do	6 50
Emily Cameron	do	6 30
Jno Bullard	do	6 30
Wm Alderman	do	5 10
Dr F M Register	do	6 40
W B Ratley	do	2 10
Geo Evans	do	2 05
Chester Biggs	do	90
Pard Arnett	do	90
J F Young	do	1 35
Sena Smith	do	1 05
Total		458 77

INSOLVENT ACCOUNT JULY TERM 1896.

Cyrus Murphy	C S C	58 20
C G Cain	ex C S C	2. 40
McD Geddie	sheriff Cum Co	16 10
J B Smith	ex sheriff Cum Co	4 75
C McArtan	ex sheriff Harnett Co	65
R J Baker	D S Cum Co	2 20
H T Sewall	solicitor	26 50
W S Cook	Mayor	3 10
W H Flowers	Ch't Police	4 30
C P Overby	J P	3 55
W M Pape	do	1 18
W D Gaster	do	1 82
D J L McIntyre	do	85
W P Wemyss	do	85
W H H Wade	do	70
N C Tuagard	do	1 52
E Leavette	do	55
J A McRae	do	60
J B Carver	do	62
C L Phillips	constable	1 40
Jno W Maultsby	do	6 00
S F Jackson	do	1 35
J M Faircloth	do	4 65
D W Harrington	do	2 25
Jno Dees	do	2 15
A M Black	do	2 00
J J Pate	do	2 10
Dr J Vance McGougan	expert	5 00
J R Tew	witness	3 05
J A Tew	do	2 40
Wilson McKethan	do	2 30
H F Jackson	do	2 15
Wm Pape	do	1 95
H L Hall	do	5 90
C D Penfield	do	2 05
M H Carver	do	2 05
W L Nunalee	do	4 00
H E Koonce	do	6 20
C M Hales	do	6 35
Fortin Melvin	do	3 80
Pompy Thaggard	do	7 10
Martin Jones	do	7 10
O W Simmons	do	3 80
M Bill	do	1 30
E A Bill	do	1 30
Theo Bill	do	1 30
Henry Graham	do	3 70
Robt Morrison	do	3 60
Isaac McSwain	do	3 20
A P Canady	do	1 55
D H McNeill	do	1 10
Jesse Horner	do	1 10
Monroe Smith	do	1 25
Aford Smith	do	2 55
S R Surles	do	2 55
Geo Newell	do	1 25
Geo Benoy	do	1 05
F D Williston	do	1 05
R McMillan	do	1 05
W H Carver	do	2 35
Colin McRae	do	1 05
Geo Newell	do	4 40
Geo Leavey	do	3 40
James Gray	do	4 10
Anderson McNeill	do	2 30
Ben McKay	do	2 25
		$286 29

President Cleveland and party passed through here Saturday night on their return to Washington. The four or five friends he has in this city went up to shake hands with him but he did not make his appearance.

The Beauty of Health

Features don't matter so much. Most any features will do if the complexion is clear, the eyes bright and the lips rosy. Hearty, healthy wholesomeness is better than mere beauty of features. A face full of the glow of good health—full of the kindliness and good humor that health brings, is bound to be an attractive face—a face that will make friends The face tells the story of the whole body. "Murder will out"—and so will "female weakness" and nervousness and other disorders peculiar to women.

If there is a drain on the system and strength, the record of it will show in the face. If there is nerve nagging "bearing-down" pains, dragging and pulling at the most sensitive organs in a woman's body, the face will show it. Abused nerves draw lines of care and worry on the face. Nervous prostration writes its warning on the face long before it comes. Sleeplessness, nervousness and debilitating drains make more wrinkles than age.

Nine-tenths of the sickness of women comes from some derangement of organs distinctly feminine. Nine-tenths of this sickness can be cured and avoided by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. There is nothing miraculous about the "Favorite Prescription"—nothing supernatural.

It is the result of rational thought and study applied to medicine.

It has been prescribed by Dr. Pierce for over 30 years. It has made thousands of women healthy and happy, and has brought joy to thousands of homes.

In "female weakness" it acts directly and strongly in healing and strengthening the parts that are most severely tried. It clears out impurities and promotes regularity at all times.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Thos F Moore	stationery		$2 20
Check book	J B Troy		7 00
J M Lamb	auditing Treas acct		6 00
W W Cole	do	do	6 00
A A M Kethan	do	do	6 00
			$27 20

COMMISSIONERS.

J M Lamb	per diem and mileage		$50 60
W Doug Smith	do	do	68 00
J H Smith	do	do	62 40
Morris Hall	do	do	69 00
J T Sinclair	do	do	89 00
Alex McNeill	clerk to the board		242 10
N W Ray Co	attorney		150 00
			$731 10

RECAPITULATION.

Poor	$ 498 50
Poor House	1,475 67
Bridges	654 17
Roads	69 10
Taxes	843 10
Elections	13 00
Insane	115 80
Asylums	15 00
Inquest	60 70
Old jail	1,533 36
New jail	71 40
Courts	305 32
Court House	173 24
Printing	46 00
Insolvent acct Jan term '96	458 77
do July do	286 29
Treasurer's office	27 20
Commissioners	731 10
Clerk to Commissioners	
	$7, 377 72

NORTH CAROLINA, }
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, }

I, Alex. McNeill, Register of Deeds, and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all orders and expenditures made by the Board of County Commissioners from the 1st Monday in December, 1895, to the 1st Monday in December, 1896.

Given under my hand this 7th day of December, 1896.

ALEX. McNEILL,
Register of Deeds and Clerk of Board.

Scott's Emulsion

is made up of the most essential elements that go to nourish the body. Where the appetite is varying or lacking, it increases it, and where digestion is weak, it aids it to perform its function in a more vigorous way. It enriches the blood, makes healthy flesh and cures chronic coughs and colds by making it possible for the body to resist disease. Our friends tell us "IT WORKS WONDERS" but we never like to over-state the merits of our remedy even when it has been tested and tried for over twenty-five years. If you will ask for it, we will send you a book telling you more about the subject than we can put in a few words.

Go to your druggist for Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cts. and $1.00.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

SEVENTY-FIRST ITEMS.

71ST, Dec 23, 1896.

The joyous Christmastide is here, and the season is hailed with especial pleasure by those whose "dispersed abroad" are coming home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Frank L. Blue, of Wake Forest, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. W. M. McPherson, of Ala., was expected home yesterday.

71st's share of the Lumber Bridge faculty and school will come home Thursday to take their vacation.

The concert at Raeford Institute will be given to-night; it will, of course, be up to the usual high standard of the institution.

Miss Fannie McPherson will give an entertainment at McPherson's church to-night.

The Seminary Committee have decided to serve oysters and other delicacies at the residence of Mr. Duncan Shaw, chairman of the committee, on Friday evening, January 1st, 1897, from seven to twelve o'clock.

Start the New year in a praiseworthy manner by coming to Mr. Shaw's at that time, aiding by your presence and purse an excellent institution—the Red Springs Seminary for young ladies.

To the OBSERVER and all its readers, a merry Christmas.

SCOTCH LASSIE.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

Another Moonshiner Broken Up.

About church time Sunday evening deputy marshal Atkinson received a grapevine telegram stating that a moonshine still was in full operation all day on the Sabbath in Harnett county near Manchester. Getting deputy Troy and posse they raided the plant a little after midnight and destroyed a seventy five gallon copper still, 800 gallons of beer and thirty gallons of low wines, and were back home before day. Quick work.

Sale of County Property.

The county property on Grove street and St. James' Square was sold at auction Monday morning by Capt. Chas. Glover.

The lot on the corner of Green street and St. James' Square was bought by H. W. Lilly for $500. This lot ought to be easily worth $1,000. The lot on which the jail stands including the building was sold to J. D. Powers for $230. This property ought to have brought $500 The lot between the jail and the cemetery brought $70, H. W. Lilly being the purchaser.

Register of Deeds McCaskill has granted sixteen marriage licenses since taking charge of the office on the 8th. Twelve were to whites and four to colored.

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REGULATE THE LIVER

10¢ 25¢ 50¢

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ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the ideal laxative, never grip or gripe, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York. 217-4

COST SALE.

CROCKERY, CHINA, GLASSWARE, LAMPS.

My entire Stock in this line will be sold at actual cost, from this date, Dec. 15th. for cash and cash only as I mean to close up this line therefore will make no charges as it is only swapping dollars and is no force sale.

Dinner Sets, 100 to 130 pieces, Tea Sets 56 pieces.
Toilet Sets, Water Sets, Clocks, Brass Lamp Stands,
Wine Sets, Berry Sets, Fruit Sets, Brass Fire Sets,
Rose Bowls, Plate Sets, Vases, Brass Custard Cups,
Covered Steak Dishes, Baskets, Punch Mugs, Flat Meat Dishes,
Silver plated Ware, Baker's Bowls, Fruit and Cake Stand,
Cups and Saucers, Lamp, Plats, Pitchers,

Library, Hall and Stand Lamps,

A. D. Coffees, Cracker Jars, China Cheese Boxes, Buckwheat Dishes, Salad Dish, Fancy Plates, Chocolate Sets, Smoke Sets.

Fine line of goods for Wedding and Holiday Presents. My stock is full and complete. No trouble to show them, and I shall stick strictly to cash terms when goods are sold at cost. No need mentioning prices, I mean just exactly that which this ad. represents.

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Ship Your Hides, Wax, Eggs, Chickens, etc., to

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We want at once 1,000,000 Hides; 1,000,000 pounds Wax, and All the Eggs We can get

Send us your Rock Bottom Prices on your Stuff. F. O. B. Your Shipping Point.

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It is impossible to make but one error in buying a Buck Stove—that is buy one too small for your family. No other mistake can be made.

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PUMPS AND PUMPING.

All kinds of Stove Fittings kept in stock. Lamps and Lamp Goods. Haviland French China in Dinner and Tea Sets. In fact, everything kept in a First Class Crockery Stock.

NIMOCKS & COOK,

INSURANCE.

In the Superior Court
November Term, 1896.

NORTH CAROLINA, }
CUMBERLAND COUNTY }

Tama McDaniel vs. John Williams.

Publication of Summons.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County to foreclose a mortgage on real estate in the said county executed by the defendant to G. C. Scurlock, the then agent of the plaintiff The defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of the said county to be held on the 6th Monday before the first Monday in March, 1897, at the Court House of the said County, in Fayetteville, N C and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

CYRUS MURPHY,
This Nov. 27th, 1896. C. S. C.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having this day qualified as Administrator on the estate of Isaac Bacon (deceased) hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All parties indebted to the estate will make immediate payment.

H. B. NUNNERY,
Administrator Isaac Bacon, dec'd,
J. G SHAW,
Attorney. 6t

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the charter of Fayetteville, N. C.

THE OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., DEC. 24, 1896.

One hundred and sixty five excursionists came up from Bennettsville and the intermediate stations Monday. The whites and blacks were about equally divided.

Tuesday the work of refitting Horne's drug store on Hay street was completed and the stock replaced.

Mr. Horne has now one of the handsomest drug stores in the State.

Our merchants are doing a good holiday business. The stores are crowded with people all day long inspecting the finest lines of Christmas goods that any town in the State can boast of. Come to Fayetteville if you want Christmas goods,

The county commissioners assembled Monday to attend a joint meeting of the commissioners and the board of aldermen, but as a quorum of the latter could not be mustered nothing was accomplished. The object of the meeting was to discuss the court house and jail sewerage question.

Car loads of stone pass through here every day over the C. F. & Y. V from Mt. Airy to Wilmington. We suppose that the stone is to be used in the construction of the emplacements for the disappearing guns which the Government is building at the mouth of the Cape Fear.

Death of a Child.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilton died in this city Wednesday at 6:30.

A Good Ordinance.

The firing of pistols and guns on the streets Christmas eve and Christmas is prohibited by the town authorities.

Married.

On Thursday afternoon, December 17th, at 5 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents in Fayetteville, by J. E. Garrett, Esq., Mr. William W. Bagley to Miss Ellen Hall.

Christmas Holidays.

The C. F. & Y. V. freight office and warehouse will be closed all day Christmas.

The following freight trains will not run the 25th inst, to or from Greensboro, Wilmington and Bennettsville.

On the 26th inst. there will be no freight train to or from Bennettsville.

Handsomely Equipped.

The cadets of the Fayetteville Military Academy will present an unusually handsome appearance on their next street parade. In addition to the handsome new guns recently received, Col. Drewry has equipped the students with the neat white belt and cross straps worn at West Point.

The Last Dance of '96.

The German Monday at McKethan's Hall, complimentary to the visiting young ladies, was most enjoyable. When Remsberg's splendid orchestra played the last notes of "Home Sweet Home" it sent a thrill of sadness through the many dancers, for they knew that the last of the unparalleled number of brilliant dances of 1896 was at an end.

Death of a Prominent Lady.

News has just reached us of the death Tuesday morning of Mrs. Susan Siler, at the residence of her brother, Mr. Edward Smith, at Godwin. Her death was very sudden, she retired last night in apparent good health and was found dead in bed this morning. Mr. W. Doug. Smith was one of her brothers. The deceased lady was 71 years old.

We Should Secure Them.

Mr. J. N. Gillis, of Southern Pines, paid us a pleasant visit Thursday. Mr. Gillis has just returned from a trip through Cumberland and Sampson counties securing options on timber lands for a number of northern capitalists who intend erecting several large saw mill plants. Mr. Gillis thinks that as the most favorable offers came from Sampson that that county will secure the plants, though he is not absolutely certain of it. Our people should take some steps to secure the location of them in this county if possible.

Fire at Hope Mills.

Monday the big store of W. T. Tyson, opposite the Johnson Hotel at Hope Mills, was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock and had such headway that all efforts to subdue it were unavailing.

There was some insurance on the large stock of goods, none of which was saved. The building, which was owned by Mr. Jas. H. Johnson, was also insured. There is a strong suspicion that the store was robbed and set on fire by the thieves.

Opera House News.

The managers of the opera house inform us that there is a possibility of Remenyi, the famous Hungarian violinist and his company coming to Fayetteville. It will be a treat indeed if Remenyi should come as he is one of the celebrated musicians of the world.

It is probable that the splendid Wilmington amateur "Pious Fraud" Company will appear in our opera house soon.

Prompt Settlement of Loss.

We learn that in consequence of the facts set forth to his Company by F. R. Rose, Insurance Agent, in reference to the loss sustained by Mr. John L. Kennedy in the burning of his dwelling the early part of this month, the Delaware Fire Insurance Company, which carried the insurance, authorized Mr. Rose to pay the *full face of the policy*, without claiming any time or discount whatever. The loss was promptly paid in full to day.

The Court House Deeds.

Mr. W. C. Troy who was chairman of the building committee for the new Court House, informs us that there is not the slightest foundation for the claims of Gus Jackson's heirs that they have a one twelfth interest in the court house lot. Mr. Troy got the deeds signed by all the Jackson heirs. Mr. Troy is two careful a man to permit any lapse of the kind indicated, having gone to South Carolina and elsewhere to find all the heirs.

Death of Mr Thomas J Jordan.

Mr. Thos. J. Jordan died Tuesday at 9 A. M. at his residence on Haymount. His death was very sudden and unexpected as only yesterday he was thought to be out of danger and on the way to recovery. His death will be mourned by the whole community as he was one of the best known and best liked citizens of Fayetteville.

Mr. Jordan was born in this city on Christmas Day, 1835. At an early age he went into the "North Carolinian" office as an apprentice and soon rose to be an accomplished printer. After a varied career of twenty odd years in the printing business, during which he became well known all over the State he returned to Fayetteville and went into Whitfield's Carriage Factory where he remained for a number of years.

He entered the turpentine tool factory of Mr. Walter Watson and soon rose to be the foreman of that famous establishment. From then until only recently, a period of 25 years, he has been in the employ of Mr. Watson, off and on.

The deceased leaves a widow and the following children, four married daughters, Mrs. Alice Reed and Mrs. Sallie McNeill, both living in this city; Mrs. Maggie McPherson, Old Point, Va., and Mrs. Hattie Stout Wilmington; and six sons, Messrs. Wiley, Charles, Robert, Thomas Jordan, Jr., Dillon and Walter Watson Jordan.

Mr. Jordan was an exceptionally good man and a christian. What more need be said.

The funeral of the late Thos. J. Jordan took place from the Methodist Church Wednesday, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Nash, conducting the ceremony. The remains were escorted to the cemetery by the Knights of Pythias and a large concourse of citizens.

Peace to the ashes of the honored dead.

Death of Mrs. Overbaugh.

Mrs. Mary Ann Overbaugh died at her home in this city Wednesday at 6 A. M.

She has been in declining health for some time, but her death was unexpected to her many friends. She was an excellent christian lady, and will be missed by a large circle of friends who loved her.

Mrs. Overbaugh was born in Spring Garden, New Jersey, in September, 1829. She married Ambrose Overbaugh in early life, and for a great many years has made her home in Fayetteville.

She was a lady of great industry and energy, and was a zealous member of Hay Street M. E. Church, South, and was one of the most faithful members of that congregation.

She leaves five children to mourn her death, three sons and two daughters. The sons George, Irvin and Edward were all with her when the end came. So was her daughter, Mrs. Jessup, who has watched by her bedside from the beginning of her decline. Mrs. Gibbs, the wife of Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District was the only one of her children not with her when she died; and she had visited her recently. Her quiet, gentle life passed away like a beautiful sunset, but her demise leaves a home of sadness and gloom. May a merciful Father comfort the bereaved hearts.

Funeral from Hay Street church tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Christmas at St. John's Church.

The "Altar Guild" will decorate this church very beautifully for the Festival of the Nativity. The service will be at 11 o'clock a. m. The male choir will be assisted by Messrs. Novitzky and Grenamyer; and the following attractive selection of music will be given:

Proc. Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Mendelssohn.
Venito Exultemus Domino. Mendelssohn.
Te Deum Laudamus, in E flat. Thayer.
Jubilate Deo, in A. Greene.
Introit Hymn: "Shout the glad tidings."
Sir John Goss.
Gloria Tibi. Paxton.
Hymn. "While Shepherds Watched."
Handel.
Offertory Anthem. "Blessed Is He."
Adams.
Sanctus. Camidge.
Agnus Dei. Adams.
Gloria in Excelsis, in C. Southard.
Nunc Dimittes, in F. Simper.

An Official Statement.

The following is the official statement as wired us in regard to the recent retirement of Mr. W. E. Young, Sr., of the firm of E. B. Cuthbert & Co.:

We would respectfully state that a great deal of unnecessary comment has been caused by the retirement of one of the members of our firm.

This action has been in contemplation for some time past and the original partnership agreement entered into by our firm having expired we decided not to renew the same. Our present firm remains the same as formerly with this exception and our business will continue as usual. All contracts entrusted to our care will be filled upon the various Exchanges as formerly. E. B. CUTHBERT & Co.

Mr. E. M. Waddell, of the soldier's home in Raleigh, is at home to spend Christmas

Good Blood

Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best — in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Cumberland Mills Sold

Cumberland Mills was sold at auction at the court house Monday to Townsend E. Taylor, of New York.

There were only two bids, Dr. Lilly offering $5,000, and Col. Broadfoot for Taylor, getting it at $6,000.

When the name of the purchaser was made known it caused great surprise as no one had ever heard of him before. Many supposed that it was bought in by the mortgagee, and an OBSERVER reporter asked Col. Broadfoot if that was not the fact, he replied: "I bid in the property for Mr. Townsend E. Taylor, a northern gentleman who buys it as an investment." Col. Broadfoot did not know the future plans of the new owner, how soon he would put the mill in operation or under what management it would be run.

The most keenly interested spectators at the sale were a large number of the operatives who had come, many on foot, all the way from Cumberland to see who the new owner would be.

These people, who have been out of work for several months are in destitute circumstances, and their future is wrapped up in the early starting up of "their" factory. They wanted that excellent gentleman, Mr. W. K. Parker their late manager, to buy the property (they had an idea that he would buy it) and were disappointed when it went to an entire stranger. We trust that the new owner will put Mr. Parker in charge of the factory—that is if he desires it.

The ridiculously low price the property brought is the result of the stagnation in the cotton business. The mill was easily worth at least $30,000 in ordinary times, as the $22 000 mortgage upon it taken by a sharp New York company, indicates. It is an object lesson of the effect of the ruinous gold standard. The original owners have lost their margin and the money changing mortgagee has seen the killing of the goose that once laid his golden eggs.

Mr. Bryan in Atlanta.

Hon. William J. Bryan spoke in Atlanta yesterday evening. He arrived in that city in good health and spirit and to newspaper reporters predicted a sweeping victory for free silver in 1900. A press dispatch says:

Hon. William J. Bryan arrived here at 11 o'clock to night and an immense crowd was waiting to greet him. There were cries for a speech and a rush for him when he stepped from the train, but he was hurried into a carriage and was driven to the Kimball house. The crowd which greeted him there insisted on a speech. A german was being danced in the ball room by one of the swell clubs. Before he knew what was happening, the late candidate was surrounded by the fair dancers in evening dress. The german was abandoned for the time and the band played on.

In response to continued cries for a speech, Mr. Bryan appeared on the floor and spoke very briefly, thanking his friends for their welcome to him. Mr. Bryan came from Chicago direct. At Harrimans, Chattanooga, Dalton, Rome and other points large crowds were out to meet him. Large crowds assembled in Chattanooga and Atlanta at an early hour under the impression that he would come by another route than the one he travelled. He said he did not want demonstrations and came by a line other than the one over which he was looked for.

The Sanctification Meeting.

The sanctification meeting at the foot of Massey's Hill is attracting large crowds. Monday night the tent was crowded, but those who went simply out of curiosity, expecting to see something sensational were disappointed.

It is true that there were many of the scenes witnessed at such meetings, startling diplays of emotion, laughter and tears by turns, the speeches of penitents, etc., but "the great mystery" which has made Crumpler famous is lacking—the falling into trances of the converted. This may take place later as the meeting has just fairly started.

Evangelist Harper, who was well known in this city in former years as a gambler and a drunkard, and styles himself the "Gambler Evangelist," extends a most cordial invitation to his former sinful associates of this city to attend his meetings.

In Washington Monday.

Hon. Geo. M. Rose and Hon. Congressman Shaw returned from Washington Monday. The former went on business with the internal revenue department. Mr. Rose says that it was impossible to squeeze into the Senate Chamber yesterday, and that a multitude of excited people blocked the approach to to the capitol. They were disappointed, however, for the Cameron resolutions were simply submitted to the senate, and no action was taken on them.

Police News.

Chief of Police Flowers Wednesday arrested a colored boy named Wm. Battle, who has been wanted since Saturday, for larceny. Battle is charged with entering the room of Thos. Faircloth, who lives just across the river, Saturday night and stealing a suit of clothes and one dollar and a half in money.

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By virtue of five executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled J. P. Yancy & Co., Butler Bros., S. R. Udell & Co., Fairmount Machine Company, against John F. Clark, I will, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock, M., (it being the first day of the January term of the Superior Court) at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title and interest which the said John F. Clark, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: 130 acres of land in 71st township, near Manchester, N. C., known as the George Robinson farm. Also, 130 acres of land in Carver's Creek township, known as the McCormick land together with all buildings and improvements which may be on said lands.

This December 12th, 1896.
McD. GEDDIE,
Sheriff of Cumberland County.

NOTICE.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a deed of trust executed by F. R. Rose and W. F. Leak, which is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, I will offer for sale, at the Market House in the City of Fayetteville, at 12 o'clock M., on January 15, 1897, at public auction, certain real estate subject to the homestead rights of the said F. R. Rose and W. F. Leak. One lot on Hay street in the rear of the residence of Maj. John B. Broadfoot, one lot in Fayetteville, on Hay street, between the Dobbin House and the McNeill building, one small lot just in the rear of the one last mentioned and a lot in the town of Autryville, unimproved. The above is subject to the homestead interest of F. R. Rose. A lot on Haymount just west of the residence lot of Mr. Walter Watson, being the lot formerly owned by Mr T. J. Jordan. This lot is subject to the homestead interest of W. F. Leak.

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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Wiley Cain and wife and M. J. Starling and wife to W. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, Executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, which is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Book V, No. 4, page 313, we will offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in Fayetteville at 12 o'clock M., on January 8th, 1897, for cash a tract of land containing 221 acres known as "The Downing Land," situated in Cedar Creek Township near Stedman.

At the same time and place and in the same manner we will also offer for sale under the power and authority contained in a mortgage deed executed by Wiley Cain and his wife to said Lilly and Gray, Executors, recorded in Book V, No. 4, Page 311, a tract of land in the same neighborhood containing 136 acres and known as the Wiley Cain Land.

LILLY & GRAY,
Executors, Mortgagees.

For further information call on or write to J. C. & S. H. MacRae, Attorneys.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Superior Court.

G. A. P. Wilkerson, Administrator of Estate of Alfred McSwain vs. Caroline Davis and others.

NOTICE.

The defendants Andrew McSwain and wife (given name not known), James McSwain and wife (given name not known) Eliza B. Williams and her husband James A. Williams, will take notice that a special proceeding, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the summons being returnable before the Clerk of said Court on the 1st day of February, 1897, the purpose of said action being brought by the plaintiff to subject real estate to make assets to pay debts of the said estate, and costs and charges of administration, and the aforesaid defendants will further take notice, that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county at his office in the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 1st day of February, 1897, and answer or demur to the petition or complaint of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

This 19th day of December, 1896.
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Sale Under Execution.

By virtue of nine executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, upon judgments Nos. 5895, 5911, 5917, 5919, 5920, 5958, 5963, 6099 and 6205, as will more fully appear by reference to the Judgment Docket of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled William A. Tottle & Co. and others, against G. H. Ingram I will, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., the first day of the January Term of said Superior Court, at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said G. H. Ingram defendant of, in and to the following described land, viz: A tract of land adjoining Adams street on the South and Kennedy street on the East, in the town of Fayetteville, being the house and lot known as the G. H. Ingram place, and being the same land conveyed by J. C. McCaskill and wife to said G. H. Ingram by deed dated October 22, 1887, registered in Book I, No. 4, page 300, Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County, except a strip of said land heretofore sold by G. H. Ingram and wife to Mark Morgan as will more fully appear by reference to deed recorded in Book I, No. 4, page 300 Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County.

This December 17th, 1896.
McD. GEDDIE,
Sheriff of Cumberland County.

Service by Publication.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the Superior
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Court.

C. W. Bidgood, Adm'r, etc. vs. Dennis Hogans et al. } Notice.

The defendants, Peter Hogans, Chas. Hogans, Alex. Hogans Andrew Hogans, David Hogans, Rhoda H. Simmons, Chas. Simmons, Charlotte H. Simmons and Henry Simmons will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the same being brought by the Administrator of Dennis Hogans against the heirs at law of the said Dennis Hogans seeking to sell the land of which the said Dennis Hogans died seized to make assets to pay the charges of administration upon the estate of and to pay the debts of the said Dennis Hogans, deceased. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County at his office in Fayetteville on the 30th day of January, 1897, and answer or demur to the petition which has been filed by the plaintiff, administrator, with the said Clerk; or the relief demanded in the petition will be applied for by the said plaintiff.

This Dec. 10th, 1896.
CYRUS MURPHY, C. S. C.
J. C. & S. H. MACRAE,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Court.

E. L. Clark vs. J. B. Carr.

It appearing to the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County from the affidavit of E. L. Clark, the plaintiff, in the above entitled action that the defendant after due diligence cannot be found in the State, and the plaintiff has a good cause of action against said defendant and it further appearing that said defendant has departed from the State with intent to defraud his creditors, it is therefore ordered by the Court that notice of this action be published once a week in the "Fayetteville Observer," a newspaper published, setting forth the title of this action, the issuing of the attachment, and requiring the defendant to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, a Court to be held in the County of Cumberland, at the Court House in Fayetteville on the 6th Monday before the first Monday in March, 1897, and answer or demur to the complaint of said plaintiff which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County during the first three days of said term, and let the said defendant take notice that if he fail to answer said complaint within that term the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the compaint.

This Dec. 2, 1896.
CYRUS MURPHY, C. S. C.
J. G. SHAW, Att'y Pl'ff.

NOTICE.

On Monday, January 11, 1897, as the administrator of Daniel McDonald, deceased, I will offer for sale at the residence of the deceased, all the personal property of the said deceased, consisting of one family horse, household and kitchen furniture, one steam engine boiler and all attachments, cotton gin and grist mill and farming utensils.

J. L. McDONALD,
Administrator,

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Commissioners' Sale of the Property and Franchises of the Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

In obedience to an order of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, dated June 19th, as modified August 4th, 1896, passed in the course of the proceedings entitled the "Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company vs. the Fayetteville Gas Light Company," the undersigned, Commissioners of Sale in said order named, hereby give notice that they will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder in front of the Gas Works in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 4th, 1897, at 10 A. M., all the property of the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company, consisting of the real estate in said City of Fayetteville, belonging to the said Company, upon which is situated the Gas and Electric Plant of the said Company, and all the said Gas Plant, retorts and other machinery and fixtures for the manufacture of coal gas, as well as all the Electric Plants, consisting of a complete Brush Arc Electric Light Plant, and a complete incandescent Electric Light Plant, and all the gas mains, pipes, connections and fittings, meters, connexions and all other apparatus belonging to said Company, for the manufacture of gas, and all poles and wires and other machinery and apparatus belonging to said Company, and used for the purpose of lighting by electricity, and all tools, machinery and property, real, personal and mixed, as well as all the franchises, privileges, powers and endowments belonging and granted to the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

Terms of sale: Cash. No bid will be received unless accompanied by a deposit with the Commissioners, of one thousand dollars ($1,000) cash by the bidder, as security that the parties so to withdraw said property abandon down, shall pay the whole of said purchase money in cash before 3 P. M. on the day of sale, to the Commissioners, when the sale will be reported to the Court, for ratification.

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EX-CONGRESSMAN GRADY ON OLNEYISM.

We rejoice to find that not all of our people are indifferent to the threatened danger to our institutions which Olneyism portends. We received last night from our able and patriotic ex-Congressman, Mr. Grady, the following communication, which we commend to all who believe in the supremacy of the law:

EDITOR OBSERVER:—I have just read with interest and pleasure the editorials in this week's OBSERVER criticising the threatened assumption of power by the President in the matter of recognizing the belligerent rights or the independence of Cuba.

You are perfectly correct, I think, in the opinion that ignorance of the Constitution is the cause of many of the acts of our servants in Washington, of which we justly complain. The Constitution is seldom mentioned in Congress, or in Executive messages, and many of the discussions of the Supreme Court—notably that on the election law—are based on assumed necessity instead of the Constitution.

I met with ignorance in an unexpected quarter. My first business with the Civil Service Commission carried me to the office of the chief examiner; and, while I was looking over some papers, one of his clerks came in and asked this question: "Mr. Blank, John and I have differed about the power of the government; I said that it possesses all power, while John says it doesn't. Which is right?" The chief examiner sat in silence until his silence became painful; and to break it I advised the young man to go and read the Tenth Amendment. He disappeared, and soon came back with the admission that "John was right." Then the chief examiner, feeling that it was his duty to say something, opened his mouth to utter some absurd stuff about the "reserved powers" of the government. "How," I asked him, "can a created Government possess 'reserved powers?'" He made no answer, and I went away with disquieting visions of an army of Federal employes ignorant of the foundations of Federal power.

This man is the chief of examining boards in and out of Washington, frames or supervises the questions to be asked applicants, and judges the sufficiency and accuracy of the answers.

The problem now before the President and the Congress can find no direct solution in the Constitution. A survey of the history of that compact leaves us no room to doubt this; and it destroys every figment of a foundation for Mr. Olney's position.

There were three plans submitted to the Convention of 1787—Randolph's, Pinckney's and Patterson's—neither of which proposed to confer on the President the power now claimed by Mr. Olney; nor was there a suggestion of any such power in any committee report. The only powers anywhere found, from which this startling claim can derive any support, are those finally agreed to: to make treaties, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two-thirds of the Senators concurring; to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls; and to receive ambassadors and other public ministers. The last is a duty, not a power.

The only exclusive function lodged in the executive is the receiving of ambassadors and other public ministers, in which we need something more powerful than the X rays to see the President's "prerogative," as Mr. Olney calls it. He must be fresh from the study of the struggle between Charles I. and his Parliament. Here we have all the powers and duties of the President as to our foreign relations, except the duty to execute the laws of the Congress. (And here I may ask whether a *resolution* is a *law* in the contemplation of the Constitution).

But if the power to recognize the independence of Cuba was not delegated to the President, is it among the powers conferred upon the Congress? Certainly not, in express terms; and it is a long stretch of the imagination to derive it from the powers "to regulate commerce with foreign nations," and to "declare war." From the latter, it is true, may be inferred the power to prevent an act which in the judgment of the Congress might lead to a war.

On the whole it seems to be a *casus omissus*, just like that of the government of the Territories, derived from the power to "*dispose of* and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other *property belonging* to the United States."

Nobody doubts that it was the intention of the States to confer upon their government exclusive control of foreign relations; but it is not clear that they intended any interference in behalf of revolted colonies or provinces—"entangling alliances,"—any more than they intended to imitate imperial Rome in the government of the Territories. Jefferson's Manual says of the treaty making power: "The Constitution thought it wise to restrain the Executive and Senate from entangling and embroiling our affairs with those of Europe."

Marvelous changes have come upon us since the adoption of the Constitution; the steamship, the telegraph, and the ocean cable have reduced this earth of ours to a very small globe, and brought all its human inhabitants to the perception of new relations to each other. We are sympathizing with the victims of oppression in countries, of whose existence our fathers had none but an ill-defined impression; and "the under dog in the fight," whether in Europe, Asia, Africa or America, is sure to enlist our compassion. But these changes have not amended the Constitution, and our government is powerless, unless it assumes what the States never delegated to it, to give effect to the sympathies of the people, except by the treaty making power or the power to declare war.

We should be warned against the possible evils to flow from this assumption of power, by the results of that other assumption already referred to—the government of the territories—, which led to angry discussion, sectional strife, and a devastating war; and last but, possibly in the long run, not least, to the widespread inculcation of paternalistic ideas in the Territories and new States, and the growing impression everywhere that the government should take care of the people, or, as Mr. Blaine put it, "should have regard to the rate of wages," or, as Gen. Coxey said, should furnish employment to the idle.

It is, no doubt, fortunate for the country that Mr. Olney has been studying the Constitution; it may be hoped that his example will be followed by some other people, who have heretofore read that instrument, if at all, as Josh Billings said a lazy man hunts for a job of work—"with a great deal of caution."

B. F. GRADY.

TURKEY, N. C. Dec. 26, 1896.

P. S. Since writing the above, I have read the comments of the "great dailies," of Judge Cooley, ex-Senator Edmunds, Senators Chandler and Davis, &c., and, as I expected, not a single one of them appeals to the Constitution, either for or against Mr. Olney's contention. The only reference to the Constitution appears in the New York Times, as follows: His opponents will not dislodge him "from his position by quoting the constitution. * * * Weighty authority, precedent, safe practice * * are arrayed in his support."

If weighty authority and precedent could supersede the Constitution, there would be little security anywhere in the Union for life, liberty or property.

B. F. G.

A PRECEDENT.

It has gotten to be a common thing to say "now that the President has Congress on his hands," or "now that the President has gotten Congress off his hands," he may do so and so.

Charles the Second is described by Burnet as saying to Lord Essex that he did not wish to be "like a Grand Signior, with some mutes about him, and bags of bowstrings to strangle men; but he did not think he was a king so long as a company of fellows were looking into his actions, and examining his ministers as well as his accounts." "A king," he thought, "who might be checked, and have his ministers called to an account, was but a king in name."

How much this sounds like Mr. Cleveland and Olney. Said the latter functionary of the Cameron resolution, when news came that the Senate foreign affairs committee had agreed unanimously to report it: "It is perhaps my duty to point out that the resolution, if passed by the Senate, can properly be regarded only as an expression of opinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the House. The power to recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent State rests exclusively with the executive." Since the President's return from his South Carolina duck hunt, it is understood that he approves of his Secretary's statement, which was, no doubt, given out by the latter in accordance with a previous understanding between the two.

There can be no mistaking the meaning of this act of defiance by the executive. There ought to have been none concerning other acts of this President indicating an autocratic disposition. The curious thing about it all is the tameness with which Congress submits to the kicks and snubs it receives at his hands. That is largely, of course, the result of the President having to deal with a House of Representatives controlled by the Republicans who, as a party, believe in a strong government; but the word goes out now that the effect of Olney's statement has been to change the temper even of the Senate. We shall see; but if it be true that any Democrat in Congress has, under Olney's whip, changed his mind, the outlook for the preservation of our institutions is not reassuring. The purchase of Congress in 1893 with the public patronage was bad enough, but that indicated simple corruption and greed on the part of the bought Congressmen and Senators. Now that Mr. Cleveland has nothing more to give, the control of the opinions of the people's representatives is a mystery which does not bode well for the Republic.

It has been a long time since any king of England has dared to defy the expressed will of the British legislature, and even Charles the Second would pretend to yield when resolutely met. Are we a completely reactionary and degenerate race?

OUR WOULD-BE CROMWELL.

In considering the case of Olney, the mind naturally turns to the history of Charles the First and his parliament, of Cromwell, and of Charles the Second and the Restoration. This is exemplified in Mr. Grady's admirable letter and in the OBSERVER'S Monday's article, which were written each without the knowledge of the writer of the other. Yet, while the circumstances turn Mr. Grady and the OBSERVER so naturally to this precedent in history, they do not seem to have likewise inspired the all-knowing great dailies. Indeed, these latter seem to shrink from sight of the history of the Cromwellian period and of our American Constitution with the horror of the guilty king at the climax of Hamlet's play.

Yet our great contemporaries would serve their millions of readers better if they would substitute a little of the history referred to for the sensational stuff and the coarse and brutal pictures that fill their pages.

Greeen, in his doubly wonderful "History of the English People," says of an act often misunderstood:

But the defeat of the tyranny of the sword was only a step towards a far bolder effort for the restoration of the power of the law. It was no mere pedantry, still less was it vulgar flattery, which influenced the Parliament in their offer to Cromwell of the title of King. The experience of the last few years had taught the nation the value of the traditional forms under which its liberties had grown up. A king was limited by constitutional precedents. "The king's prerogative," it was well urged, "is under the courts of justice, and is bounded as well as any acre of land, or anything a man hath." A Protector, on the other hand, was new in our history, and there were no traditional means of limiting his power. "The one office being lawful in its nature," said Glynne, "known to the nation, certain in itself, and confined and regulated by the law, and the other not so—that was the great ground why the Parliament did so much insist on this office and title." Under the name of Monarchy, indeed, the question really at issue between the party headed by the officers and the party led by the lawyers in the Commons was that of the restoration of constitutional and legal rule.

Of the Restoration, when Charles the Second entered Whitehall, Green says:

Amidst all the tumult of demonstrative loyalty the great "revolution of the seventeenth century," as it has justly been styled, went steadily on. The supreme power was gradually transferred from the Crown to the House of Commons. Step by step, Parliament drew nearer to a solution of the problem which had so long foiled its efforts, the problem *how to make its will the law of administrative action without itself undertaking the task of administration.* It is only by carefully fixing our eyes on this transfer of power, and by noting the successive steps towards its realization, that we can understand the complex history of the Restoration and the Revolution.

It has been left to Cleveland and Olney to set up the pretense that, when the "free and independent" States which had successfully revolted from the dominion of the British crown established the Union of the Constitution, they stultified themselves by making the "will" of their legislature less "the law of administrative action" than their British cousins and ancestors had done a hundred years before.

PRESIDENT SHEPHERD.

It gives us pleasure to reproduce what the Wilmington Messenger and the Charleston News and Courier have to say about our distinguished former townsman, Dr. Henry Elliott Shepherd. As the OBSERVER has often said, he is not only the first scholar produced by North Carolina but, as Professor Gildersleeve is quoted as saying, "one of the foremost of American scholars."

It is to be hoped that North Carolina will avail herself of the present opportunity to recover for herself the services of this eminent one of her sons. He would add lustre to the University in a chair suited to his special attainments.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Some time ago we printed with approval a communication suggesting that Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, be complimented with the Democratic caucus nomination for Speaker of the House. The Reidsville Review and other papers have also suggested, as a most worthy recipient of that honor, Captain A. E. Walters, of Rockingham. The Democracy would make no mistake in selecting either of these able and patriotic gentlemen for that position.

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Hurrah for the gold standard! We used to hurrah for it (in a sarcastic sense) when it was putting in its work on the farmers and other modest folk. Turn about is fair play; and it is in order to hurrah for it again, now that it is tumbling over, right and left, many of the great millionaire corporations that coerced their employes to vote for McKinley and "prosperity." Not in a revengeful spirit; but as recognizing in the new objective of the gold standard's destroying hand the surest road to producing the reaction that must destroy the gold standard.

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That is an interesting article which we reprint from the Norfolk (Virginia) Pilot on "Kooner John." It is, we presume, written by our accomplished former townsman Col. William C. Elam, who is the editor of the Pilot. As Mr. Elam suggests, John Kooner may have been a negro adaptation of the old English Christmas revellers. Perhaps, however, it was a survival of an African custom that found convenient and congenial expression in the universal holiday in the negro's new and Christian home. Uncle Remus's stories are traced back to Africa, and one may hear to day the original of the melody in a corn-shucking tune in the song of the "Nubian slaves," who heave coal from dhows to the steamers that traverse Suez.

How the Anti-Agitators Keep Faith.

As our readers know, the McKinleyites have, since the election, deprecated the discussion of the silver question. They have pointed out to the misguided Bryanites their duty to recognize the verdict of the election—and so forth. They do not practice what they preach. Witness the following which we have just received:

REFORM CLUB, COMMITTEE ON SOUND CURRENCY, EXECUTIVE COM.,
52 William St., N. Y., Dec. 14, 1896.

DEAR SIR:—So long as a considerable minority of our citizens are not certain that our present standard of value is superior to that of Mexico and other silver standard countries; while they believe that we can, by free coinage legislation, double the price of silver; while they think that fiat money or more money of any kind will bring about prosperity; or while they are unable to see that by voting to repudiate honestly incurred debts they are cursing themselves, their state and their country, there is great need of education on the fundamental principles of money and currency. This Committee proposes to continue the fight for honest money until the ranks of the free silver and fiat money forces are so thin that they will not be a barrier to industry and prosperity.

This Committee expects to take up at once the work left off just before election. It will endeavor not only to decrease the number of free coinage advocates, but to increase the number of those who favor better banking and currency laws. During this winter and spring we shall probably issue a page of Sound Currency plates every three weeks through the American Press Association and the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Company; probably also through one or two of the other plate associations which have been supplying our plates. Should we do so we will offer plates to you free of cost if you will agree to pay transportation charges and either to put us on your exchange list or send us copies of your paper containing such matter as you may print.

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LAWRENCE E. SEXTON,
Chairman.

We shall see now whether any of our goldbug contemporaries that still profess to train with the Democratic party yield to the tempter's offer.

President Henry E. Shepherd.

Referring to Dr. Shepherd's approaching retirement from the Presidency of Charleston College, Dr. Kingsbury, of the Wilmington Messenger, says:

Dr. Shepherd will remain as president of the college until the close of the present scholastic year. We have long held and have often said in these columns that Dr. Shepherd was the finest scholar in English and English literature and one of the foremost writers that North Carolina ever produced. He is a christian gentleman (Presbyterian) of high and noble character. He is an accomplished lecturer, teacher, author. The News and Courier pays a richly merited and most cordial tribute to the efficiency and ability of our friend, from which we take the following:

"For fourteen years he has labored for the college with a singleness of purpose and a consecration of effort that have had a marked influence upon the institution. Under many discouragements, with great ly restricted means, out of sympathy oftentimes with the sentiment of those with whom he has been associated, trying to compete with institutions employing different methods, he has raised the standard and so improved the teaching equipment of the college that it now holds an acknowledged position among the colleges of the country. The number of students this year is the largest in the recent history of the institution. * * * In his special department Dr. Shepherd stands among the masters. His scholarship is admitted by scholars on both sides of the sea. In his trip to Europe two years ago he was received with marked attention by the scholars of Oxford and Cambridge. In an address at Heidelberg last year Dr. Gildersleeve, of the Johns Hopkins University, spoke of him as 'one of the foremost of American scholars,' and he was invited to deliver a course of lectures at Heidelberg. He has been a favorite lecturer at the annual conventions of teachers in the northern and eastern states, and in this city, year after year, his addresses on English literature have been notable events in scholarly circles."

The Messenger esteems Dr. Shepherd most highly for his high morale, his devotion to letters, his rare abilities and his filial attachment to his native North Carolina. We have long wished that his superior talents and large experience should be given to North Carolina. It is to us remarkable that Davidson college has never invited him to a chair in its faculty, for among the laymen in Southern Presbyterianism it will be hard to match him in belles lettres or in other hig gifts. Years ago we urged him for a place at the University.

Cuba in the Last Election.

New York Sun.)

While Congress is adjourned for the holiday recess, its members should not forget the declaration on the pressing question of Cuba contained in the platforms of the two great parties in the late election.

The frenzied absorption of the Democracy in the effort for free silver prevented a fuller manifestation of interest in the subject than the following sentence:

"We extend our sympathy to the people of Cuba in their heroic struggle for liberty and independence."

Six million, five hundred thousand citizens voted for this declaration.

The superior calmness of the Republican Convention at St. Louis allowed the sympathy for Cuba's struggle to be expressed with greater elaboration and emphasis. The Republican plank, in its feeling and outspokenness, went to the point where debate on the existing issue between the Executive and the friends of Cuba in the Senate begins. It was as follows:

"From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty. The Government of Spain having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the Government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and independence to the island."

Of such was the spirit which in our Revolution availed to free the struggling patriots of the United States. The Republican party polled more than 7,000,000 votes, constituting, with the Democratic vote, substantially the entire voting population of the United States. It is true that not every follower of McKinley or Bryan now agrees in the efforts in Congress for Cuba's recognition; and perhaps not every one approved the Cuban planks in their party platforms. But such dissenters form but a small minority of the people; and the sentiment of the United States is overwhelmingly in Cuba's favor. Every legitimate and reasonable step to help the people of Cuba should be taken by the United States.

Bryan in Atlanta.

Atlanta Constitution.)

It is gratifying to note that the honors paid to Mr. Bryan by the democrats of Atlanta were not factional in their character. Those who had differed with him as to the best methods of remedying the evils that beset the business and industrial interests of the country, joined with their fellow democrats in doing honor to one of the greatest of modern democrats, a man who is as broad and as catholic in his conceptions and his sympathies as the principles of the democratic party, which concerns itself with the welfare of all the people without regard to party, class or condition.

It was a fitting moment for all democrats to lay aside their differences and come together for the purpose of paying tribute to a man who is the most typical political leader of his time and the most unselfish advocate of the people's cause, and our citizens took advantage of it. Gold and silver men joined together to welcome Mr. Bryan.

It was characteristic of the great leader of the party that he should seize the opportunity to declare that he was not wedded to any particular method of reaching the end and aim of democratic government, but would welcome any method that produced the desired result—that result being the prosperity and happiness of the people. This is democracy of the highest type—the end and not the means.

The illustration of this is simple. If the republicans can restore prosperity to the people, the result will warrant the means employed, and whatever legitimate and just method is used to bring the result about will be indorsed by Mr. Bryan, the democratic party and all the people. It is for this reason that The Constitution has been urging the republicans to get together and convince the people that their methods of reform will accomplish what they are pledged to accomplish. People may differ about these methods, but there will be no difference about them if they succeed in doing what the republicans say they will. The money question—silver and gold, or gold alone—is not worth talking about merely as a theory. The great object and aim of the contention on both sides is to restore prosperity to the people.

Mr. Olney is unable to understand how Congress could expect to whip Spain, when it is unable to hold down Mr. Cleveland and his Secretary of State, says the New York Journal.

Jerome K. Jerome's last story, previous to his engagement to write two plays, has been secured by The Ladies' Home Journal, and is to be printed in its January issue. It is called "An Item of Fashionable Intelligence," and deals with life in the higher social circles of London.

Where is Kooner John?

Norfolk Pilot.)

Forty years ago, in some parts of Virginia, North Carolina and other Southern States, "Kooner John," or "the Kooner," or "John O Kooner," was still a feature of Christmas revels. Perhaps it was the last lingering relic of English Christmas revels brought by our forefathers from the old country. When we first knew John, he had a wife,—John being a stout colored man, with a hideous false face, a cocked hat, and from hat to shoes bedizened with tinsel, ribbons, feathers and rags of all sizes, shapes and colors. In one hand he carried a small bell, which he rang continuously, and in the other he bore a staff, with which he threatened the children now and then, as he made a ferocious pretence of rushing upon them, slaying and devouring them. His wife was another colored fellow, dressed as a woman, his bonnet being a battered old leghorn, of prodigious size, and awful scoop and scope. From head to foot he was rag tagged like John, and wore a mask even more horrible in aspect than that of John.

On the occasion referred to John and his wife were accompanied by drum and fife, with a chorus of singers and bell-ringers. The drummer and fifer wore scarlet coats, blue trousers (all much loaded with brass buttons and gold lace), and each had a tall bear skin shako on his head. When the drum and fife were not sounding, the singers (including John and his wife) sang at the top of their voices and rang their bells with all their might. The song was all about John Kooner and his wife, and always asked for money, usually "one cent," though much silver was usually thrown to them from every house before which they stopped to sing and dance and perform other antics. They were at once the terror and fascination of all children; and a long procession of them, of both sexes and colors, and of all conditions and ages, generally followed them about.

This appearance of John was the grandest we ever witnessed; and it was a long time ago, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Subsequently John fell into a decay, so to speak. He lost his wife; he lost his drum and fife; and the last time we met John, he was a small negro boy, with a face smeared with soot and Spanish brown, with some parti colored rags tacked about on his clothes. He was accompanied by another colored boy, who had a bell, and who helped John to sing; but, altogether, it was a tame and melancholy rendition of the grand performance which once entranced the children.

It is a question: Whence came John O'Kooner and his Christmas parade? Whence his masquerade, his rags, his bell, his song, etc.? We have looked into the matter a little, and we incline to think that John and his performance as he and they became soon after importation here) were a parody, or a degenerate form, of some of the old English Christmas revels, brought over by our early colonists, and gradually transferred to the African slaves that soon begun to take the place of the white laborers on farms and plantations.

In one of his recent Shakespearean articles in Lippincott's the writer has made a brief reference to Kooner John; and this seems to be the only published mention of John extant. Yet there must be many persons in Virginia and North Carolina who remember John; and we shall be very glad if some of them would send us their recollections of him, his dress, songs, etc. It will be interesting to trace John's origin, his decline and fall, and we trust that we hear about him from some who read this imperfect reminiscence of the defunct Christmas worthy. Or does he still linger somewhere?

Quewhiffle Dots.

From our correspondent.)

Christmas passed very quietly in these parts. The 'powder burner" was conspicuous for his absence.

Marshall Matthews, a colored man in the employ of the firm of Headen & Tyson, was severely cut on Christmas night. He and his assailant, another negro, were both too full of "moonshine whisky."

Mr. W. A. McLeod's school at Eagle Springs, closed on the 14th inst., and he is now at home spending the holidays with his parents.

Col. M. D. Bethune is improving from the effects of a recent fall in which his foot was badly hurt.

It will be a source of genuine pleasure to the numerous young lady friends of W. C. Currie to hear that he is recovering from an attack of malarial fever, and though temporarily a little worsted, is still in the ring.

Everybody is of the same opinion concerning the concert at Raeford Institute last Wednesday night. It was a success.

Madam Rumor announces that several of Quewhiffle's good looking bachelors have been wounded by the mystic arrows of "Cupid" and will hasten to enter that consummation so devoutly to be wished." For the truthfulness of our statement the reader is referred to that veteran bachelor, John Knox McLeod.

"He that will not when he may,
When he would he shall have nay."

Mr. A. M. Jernigan has accepted a position as clerk in Mr. R. E. Lee's store at Laurinburg.

It is rumored that the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad will be extended towards Fayetteville in the near future.

KIP KIMPTON.

It isn't much trouble for a really healthy man to be good humored. Jollity and exhuberant health are a proverbial combination. The hearty man who is always laughing doesn't have any trouble with his digestion. It has been said that laughing makes people healthy. The truth is that health makes people laugh.

There isn't any other thing so essential to health as regularity in the action of the bowels. Most all sickness starts with some derangement of the digestive functions. Good digestion means good, pure blood, and that means strength. Once let the bowels become clogged with refuse matter, and the whole system is deranged. Impure, poisonous matter gets into the blood and plants the seeds for all sorts of sickness.

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The Court House Sewer Question.

Correspondence of the Observer.)

MR. EDITOR:—An outrage seems about to be perpetrated which a self respecting neighborhood will not tolerate, nor wise and just authorities, after careful consideration, permit

I am informed that permission has been given by our city aldermen to connect the new court house and jail with Cross Creek at or near Eccles bridge, by means of a sewer pipe, for the purpose of emptying therein sewage matter from those buildings.

When we consider the locality that is thus sought to be polluted and rendered a nuisance—that it is within a stone's throw of the Market House—that it is in the very heart of the town—that it is in the immediate vicinity of thoroughfares leading to our churches—in fact that it will affect the very atmosphere of four of our principal churches, together with numerous homes that were not occupied with the expectation that they would be thus damaged. It is hardly conceivable how prominent citizens should for a moment entertain such an idea.

The most attractive and picturesque feature of our little city is Cross Creek, and why that portion of it which is most seen and admired should be made the dumping ground and cess pool for *other* portions of the town is beyond reasonable and fair comprehension. Residents on the streets leading to the old court house square were made interested in retaining the court house where it was to be made an ornamental and imposing structure, and it was argued at that time that the old site would afford the best facilities for drainage, yet the location was changed, and it seems hard that after being deprived of the building that the locality injuriously affected thereby should be selected for damage from other causes.

It should be remembered that there are near by dams on the stream below Eccles' bridge which affect the current, especially in summer and what is to prevent other water sites from being utilized in the future for small industries. We all know that those mills now in operation require about all the water they can command, and at times even more, consequently the ponds are at certain seasons practically stagnant.

Persons living in other neighborhoods may entertain doubts as to any injury resulting from making this section the receptacle for sewage, but the unoffending citizens most interested are disturbed by well grounded fears on this question. They are willing to be taxed for the relief of those people living near the new court house, but will earnestly resist being a *second* time victimized as at present proposed.

The sensible thing to do is to consult a sanitary engineer as to what should be done, and put in such sewerage as at present may be necessary with a view to a complete system in the future. At this time the assistance of the county can be procured and we should not be satisfied with makeshifts that endanger the health and comfort of citizens and mar the town. Every need, like the present, that is supplied without proper measures, delays the essential remedy which *must* be resorted to in the future.

H. R. HORNE.

Your Vitality?

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The Sewerage Question.

Correspondence of the Observer.

FAYETTEVILLE, Dec. 30, 1896.

MR. EDITOR:—I desire to express my entire approval of the article in your paper of yesterday written by Mr. Horne upon the question of the "Court House Sewer." And for the information of those of our people whom I have the honor to represent as a member of the Board of Aldermen, I desire to say that I was out of town and consequently not present at the meeting when this action was taken, and that I do not concur in the decision of a majority of the Board. The question of sewerage for the court house and jail has been discussed at previous meetings of the board of aldermen, but no proposition or suggestion was ever made that such a sewer should empty in the very heart of the town, and in my opinion such a proposition should be resisted by all fair and honorable means, not only by the persons living in the immediate vicinity, and whose property will be seriously damaged, but by every citizen who feels an interest in the health and the general prosperity of our good old town.

W. F. CAMPBELL.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Harnett and Cumberland Branch of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina will meet in the town of Fayetteville on January 15, 1897, at the Court House, for the purpose of electing officers and to transact other important business. The General Agent will be present, let all the members please be present.

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Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned, having this day qualified as administrator upon the estate of Daniel McDonald (deceased), hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against said estate, to present them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of November, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment.

J. L. McDONALD,
Adm'r. D. McDonald.
J. G. Shaw, Atty.
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Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the last Will and Testament of the late John Averitt, deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of September, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 24th day of September, 1896.

J. B. TROY, Executor,
with will annexed

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10 cents per hundred

THE OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., DEC. 31, 1896.

Rev. Isaac Hughes will preach at St. Phillip's church, in Campbellton, next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Scotch Lassie's excellent correspondence came too late for publication in to day's Weekly. Our readers will have a whole levy to look forward to next Thursday.

Colr Taken Back.

An officer arrived from Asheboro yesterday and took Clifton Cole, the overcoat thief who was captured here Sunday, back to the scene of his crime.

Died.

Miss Fannie Calais died Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of her sister Mrs. R. T. Scanlin on Cool Spring street. The deceased lady who was a devout member of the Baptist church, was greatly loved by her relatives and friends.

Could not Identify Him.

Frank McLaren was up before Mayor Cook Monday charged with stabbing Mr. Joe. Atkins Christmas eve night but as Mr. Atkins could not swear that he was the man, Mayor Cook discharged him. Mr. Atkins is out to day though he has to carry an arm in a sling.

The Opera House.

New scenery, modern stage settings and a rearrangement of the gas fixtures make the Opera House more than ever attractive.

The Langdon Dramatic Company is engaged for three nights of next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Brilliant Entertainment.

The residence of Col. A. B. Williams on Gillespie street was the scene Monday night of a brilliant entertainment given by charming Miss Eliza Williams to her young friends. Nothing could surpass the delightful hospitality of the young hostess, and when at one o'clock the guests reluctantly departed, it was voted that Miss Williams was the princess of entertainers.

Mr Paul Nichols Married.

Mr. Paul Nichols (who don't know Paul Nichols?) was married last week to Miss Rebecca Webster, in Carver's Creek township. The groom is in his 84th year, and the bride is a pretty, blushing maid of twenty. Mr. Nichols is one of the best known and wealthiest farmers in Cumberland county. His young wife is a daughter of "Col." Gurdeon Webster, who was a tinner in this city for many years.

Where are These Veterans?

There are in the Register of Deed's office three pension warrants for Cumberland which have been there awaiting claimants—two since December '95, and one since December, '94 The '94 one bears the name of Allen Jones and is for $17. The warrants dated '95 are for Mary C. Cheek $16, and C. Arnett $16.

Where are these people, are they dead?

Water at Last.

The artesian well which Messrs. Novitzky and Wright have been boring on Mr. Elijah Shepherd's place on Rowan street was completed last week. Running crystal water was struck in the bowels of an apparently limitless rock. 227 feet is the depth at which the water was reached, 27½ feet of which was bored into the rock. The water is within six feet of the surface, and it is said will yield an unlimited supply.

A Thief Captured.

Mr. Vanstory received a telegram from a friend in Asheboro Manday stating that a negro named Clifton Cole had stolen an overcoat containing valuable papers from him and that he thought the thief would turn up in Fayetteville, and if so, requested that he be arrested. Mr. Vanstory turned the matter over to chief of police Flowers and a short while afterwards the man was in custody. An officer is on his way from Asheboro to take the prisoner back.

Death of Gen. Brady's Brother.

Gen. A. G. Brady received a telegram Monday announcing the death that morning of his brother Col. J. W. Brady in Washington City, Gen. Brady left that night to attend the funeral which will take place in Catonsville, Maryland.

Col. Brady was in his 66th year, and has been an official in the postoffice department at Washington for thirty years. He leaves a wife (who is wealthy) and three children.

His death leaves Gen. Brady the last son of a large family of boys.

A Wonderful Dog.

Messrs. J. L. Kennedy and J. D. Williams went up to Goldston Monday morning to spend several days in hunting. They are both good shots and will no doubt astonish the "bob-whites" of Chatham.

Among the dogs they carried is a seven months old red Irish setter raised by Mr. Kennedy which is a marvel. This pup is apparently flawless, hunting in beautiful style, pointing like a veteran and retrieving in a manner that would win the admiration of the most experienced hunter.

"Barney" Douglass Married.

Mr. J. B. Douglass, well known and extensively popular in Fayetteville, as he has been all over the State, was married in Winston Saturday to Miss Adelaide R. Cannon, of Concord. The ceremony took place at the residence of Dr. Charles L. Smith and was performed by Rev. Ernest Caldwell. The Richmond Times among other things says:

Mr. Douglass is a well known business man of Richmond, being connected with the H. W. Rountree & Brother Trunk and Bag Company. He is quite popular, not only in Richmond, where he has many friends, but in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, in which States he has a wide acquaintance.

His bride is one of the most charming young ladies of the old North State. She has been quite a belle in North Carolina for two or three years, and is a young lady of many fine characteristics.

Christmas Services.

The services at St. John's Episcopal church on Christmas day were very elaborate. The church was beautifully dressed; the rector Rev. Isaac Hughes preached an eloquent sermon; and Mr. Rose gave the congregation some superb music in the way of voluntaries, while the splendid male choir (Messrs. Leighton Huske, John Strange, Marsden Haigh, Claude Haigh and Woodmansee) were assisted by those masters of the singers' art, Messrs. Novitzky and Grenameyer.

Christmas services were held at Hay Street M. E. church yesterday morning, consisting of special music and an able sermon by the pastor, Dr. Nash, all appropriate to the occasion. The music was of a very high order, and was rendered with pleasing effect upon the large congregation present.

Mrs. W. A. Robeson, the organist, has shown her ability as an organizer as well as an accomplished musician in the large number of well trained voices composing the choir over which she presides. The semon was upon "The Incarnation," from John 1: 4; "And the word was made flesh," etc. The Doctor said in part:

There is no fact in human history that means so much to the race as the incarnation of the Second Person in the Godhead.

I. The incarnation is the last and best expression of God to the universe.

1. It is a vital expression of God.

2. It made Diety, Vocal and Sympathetic.

3. In the incarnation God took his place in thought.

II. This event has become the great fact of history.

1. It stands solid in human history as an indisputable fact.

2. It cannot be reasoned into a myth.

3. The Christ life is real, and touches humanity at every vital point.

III. A proper observance of this fact is commendable.

1. The Christmas festival cannot be turned into a pagan affair, because of the Christ spirit that pervades it.

2. Christ is in thought to stay, for the influence of his birth is becoming more and more impressive as the years go by.

In the Heart of Town.

The sanctificationists had a great meeting Saturday night. People went into trances and the excitement was intense. One woman upon recovering from a trance was asked by the preacher what she had seen; she replied that she saw her mother and father in heaven and her aunt in hell

Monday morning the tent was moved from Poe's Brick Yard and planted right in the midst of this "wicked city" on the square in from of the armory. The band express their intention to place the tent and hold meetings in different spots until they have encircled the city.

Up to Saturday a young woman had lain in the tent in a complete trance for three days. This beats the record of this meeting, and only two or three have come within twenty four hours of it. The woman lay as dead, not a pulse beat, nor a movement of the body. It is a most strange phenomenon.

The big sanctification tent was packed to suffocation Tuesday night and hundreds peeped in from the outside. The principal speaker was "Rev." Mr. Brooks and he made the "fur fly" for awhile. The curiosity seekers were disappointed, however, there were none of the scenes of the night before enacted, and the service was more like a good old camp meeting.

Death of Rev. Thomas R. MacRae.

We learn with regret of the death of the Rev. Thomas R. MacRae, which occurred in South Union, Kentucky, on Sunday evening, December 27th, 1896.

Mr. MacRae, who was in his sixty-sixth year was a native of Fayetteville, being an elder brother of Judge MacRae.

Mr. MacRae was first sergeant of McNeill's Cavalry Company during the late war. After the war he moved to Kentucky, at South Union in which State he has since resided. There he has pursued a quiet life as a teacher, sometimes also giving the people of his section the benefit of his marked gifts of eloquence. Like all of the members of the MacRae family of this town—both his own immediate family, that is, the late Mr. John MacRae and his children; and the late Maj. Duncan G. MacRae and his children; and the late Rev. Cameron MacRae and his children—the deceased gentleman was a man of intellectual gifts above the common, and these he had cultivated to advantage.

Judge MacRae left on Monday afternoo for Kentucky, and hopes to reach there in time to attend his brother's funeral. Messrs. John and James MacRae accompanied their father.

The Sewerage Question.

The joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and the County Commissioners was held Monday and an agreement was reached on the much discussed and important Court House and jail sewerage question. All the County Commissioners and all but two of the city aldermen were present. The Board of Health was represented by Dr. J. W. McNeill.

After a number of propositions had been lengthily discussed the members of the two boards unanimously decided, with Dr. McNeill concurring, that the county at its own expense should be allowed to connect a sewer from the Court House and jail to run through Gillespie and Green streets, empty in to Cross Creek near Eccles bridge.

Saloons Must Close at 10.

The Board of Aldermen met Monday for the purpose of granting liquor licenses The twelve bar rooms which have heretofore been running were again granted license. There were no additional applications.

The most important step that the Aldermen have yet taken in regard to the liquor traffic was taken yesterday. The Board unanimously passed an ordinance requiring all saloons to close at 10 o'clock at night except on Saturday, when they are allowed to keep open until 11 o'clock. A violation of this ordinance will work a forfeiture of license.

Every citizen will heartily commend this action.

"Monk Julian" Winged.

Tuesday night the adventurous career of Mr. David Watkins the doughty night watchman at the Coast Line yard came near being cut short by a 38 calibre ball.

About 11 o'clock two drunken negroes employed on the material train, then on a side track near the station, walked by Monk cursing and yelling. The watchman remonstrated with them and they went on quietly until they had reached a distance of about fifteen yards, when one wheeled around and sent a bullet at Monk which would have gone through his stomach if he had not happened to turn half around at the time, thus accounting for his being alive this morning to exhibit the two holes he carries in his coat, one through the right hand front corner, (it is a double breasted coat and was unbuttoned at the time) and one opposite, in the back.

This little courtesy did not disturb Monk's equilibrum in the least however, for pulling out his "bull dog" he barked back threefold and not without effect, for though both ran last night, this morning one of the train hands named Street, sent for a doctor to extract a bullet from the back part of his thigh.

Mr. Watkins got out a warrant this morning and had Street arrested. Street says that he had nothing to do with the shooting, but that a negro named Richard something, he didn't know the last part, was the man who shot.

Six Dropped off.

Fayetteville had her first real experience of a sanctification meeting Monday. The tent was packed with people and numbers were unable to gain admission. At the opening of the service a little panic was created by seven of the long benches giving way and precipitating men and women on the ground in a heap. However, amid the exciting scenes which followed this little incident was soon forgotten. The forty or fifty sanctified persons on the platform presented a spectacle the like of which was never beheld in this city before. Men and women laughed, yelled, beat themselves, fanned the air with their arms and legs, all the time in a mad transport of delight. Six persons dropped off into trances. The going off of each one was the signal for a fresh outburst of joy and as they recovered they were surrounded, hugged, patted and made much of generally. Each one declared that he or she had seen strange things, etc. There are a number of pretty girls who brighten up things by singing good old fashioned songs.

Crumpler Coming.

The famous Crumpler has publicly announced his intention to come and pitch his tent in Fayetteville on the 28th of January. Although he was located by the recent Methodist Conference he claims that he is not violating the rules when he goes into another parish without invitation, because he carries his own house of worship along with him—his big tent.

This chief of the sanctificationists has just concluded a great meeting at Parkersburg, which is said to have shaken Sampson county to its very centre. People flocked there from Cumberland, Moore, Harnett, Chatham, Brunswick, Bladen and even more distant counties.

On Christmas night some miscreants destroyed the splendid tent by cutting the canvass in shreds. The next night the meeting was held in the open air, and a collection amounting to nearly one hundred dollars was taken up to replace it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28, 1896.

Congress not being in session, the tariff barons who were in and around the Ways and Means Committee room at the Capitol, in which Mr. Dingley and his republican associates on the committee to day began the public hearings upon the several schedules of the proposed new Dingley tariff bill, were the center of attraction. The schedule upon which to day's hearings were based was that embracing spirits, wines and other beverages. The republicans had expected that the South would be largely represented among those asking for favors under the schedule, but they were disappointed. The next schedule to be taken up will be that of cotton goods followed by that on sugar and molasses.

There seems to be a general disposition to misunderstand the issue raised between Congress and the President by Secretary Olney when he said that the President would not obey a joint resolution even if passed over his veto, directing him to recognize the independence of Cuba, because the President alone had the right to decide such questions. It is not contended by the Senators who will oppose Secretary Olney's position that the President has not the right to recognize a new State without reference to Congress; on the contrary, they freely concede him that right. They claim, however, that a joint resolution of Congress when it becomes a law, whether by ordinary methods or by being adopted by a two thirds vote over the President's veto, is just as binding upon the President as any other law. In other words, that while the President may exercise his discretion as to recognition in the absence of Congressional action, it is in the power of two thirds of Congress to compel him to obey its behests, in recognizing the independence of a new State, as well as any thing else. The claim that Congress wished to deny the President's right to act independently of it in recognizing a new State has been put forward to muddle the question. The question will not be settled soon, anyway, as the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuba hasn't the slightest show to get through the House, and will be fought stoutly in the Senate.

The announcement that Representative and Senator elect Money, of Miss., who is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, had taken advantage of the Congressional recess to go to Cuba for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the situation, has caused much gossip in Washington. While everybody knows that Mr. Money means well, there is a disposition to regret the publicity which has been given to his trip, because it looks like a reflection upon our State Department and its agents in Cuba.

Confidential agents of the Wanamaker and the Choate senatorial booms have been working on the friends of McKinley in order to get him to throw his influence on their side. But they have not succeeded. While there is little doubt that most of the original McKinley men would rather see Wanamaker sent to the Senate from Pennsylvania than Quay's man, Penrose, who, by the way, is being supported by the National A. P. A., and Choate elected Senator from New York instead of Platt, they cannot see a good chance for either to win to advise McKinley to take a stand that would make Quay and Platt the open enemies of his administration.

Hon. William S. Holman, of Ind., whose familiar face and rigid views on government economy have been missed from the present House has been elected a member of the next, and is more determined than ever to live up to the reputation he made as the "watch dog of the Treasury." When the republicans take the first step towards an increase of extravagance by the introduction of a new tariff bill, at the extra session, that will furnish more money to be spent, it is the purpose of Judge Holman to make a speech, in which if he cannot prevent extravagance, he will at least attempt to make it clear to the people that it exists under present expenditures; he will also endeavor to show that the expenditures of the government should not exceed $350,000,000 a year, and that if they were reduced to that amount the present tariff would produce an annual surplus of $100,000,000, which could be applied to the reduction of the bonded debt.

The Pacific railroad lobbyists are so uneasy about the prospect of the funding bill to come up in the House Jan. 7, that they have followed Representatives out of town in order to talk to them in favor of the bill during the recess. The opponents of the bill are also active, and the four days it will be under discussion in the House are not at all likely to be dull.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Fayetteville, N. C., Post Office Dec 21, 1896—Unclaimed.

B—Mamie Blanch, Jacob Baker. (3)
Sam'l Black. G Marvin Beasley, Mrs. E. Boldon Levil Brooks.
C—Emery Cameron.
D—J. D. Dauno.
G—Jacob Gardner
H—Ella Hackney (2)
J.—David Joperker. C. W Johnson.
M—Irene Maxwell. L. W Monroe, S H. McKay. Mirsyh McKay, Janie McColl, J. H Millson.
R—Mark Roberts (2)
S—Green Smith.
W—Lrofa Whitehead.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised.

W. D. GASTER, Postmaster.

To the memory of little Gertrude daughter of E. J. and Lizzie Wilton, who departed this life December 23rd, 1896:

Weep not because her spirit has fled,
Hath left its home of clay;
Weep not thy Gertrude is not dead,
She has only passed away.

Thy Gertrude is an angel now,
Within that glorious home;
A sparkling crown bedecks her brow,
She beckons you to come.

The family chain is broken now,
There is one less link to earth;
Sadness and sorrow are installed
Around that family hearth.

But this fond liuk was taken hence,
To bind your hearts to heaven;
If thou art not prepared as she,
Oh! take the warning given.

Calmly this loved one passed away,
With joyous heart she fled;
And at the opening of the day,
Was numbered with the dead.

She is not dead, she surely lives,
And watches still with thee;
Although in heaven now she sings,
Thy guardian still she will be.

Think not that thy dear Gertrude lies
Within the silent grave;
She is not there, her soul has gone
To Him who died to save.

A FRIEND.

If the State Department theory of the Constitution, says the New York World, is to be accepted, it will be just as well to abolish Congress and keep Olney in permanent session with power to act while the other branch of the government is duck-hunting.

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CONSTIPATION

should not be regarded as a trifling ailment—in fact, nature demands the utmost regularity of the bowels, and any deviation from this demand paves the way often to serious danger. It is quite as necessary to remove impure accumulations from the bowels as it is to eat or sleep, and no health can be expected where a costive habit of body prevails.

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We cannot make a diamond; we cannot make flesh, blood and bone No. But by means of the Shaker Digestive Cordial we can enable the stomach to digest food which would otherwise ferment and poison the system In all forms of dyspepsia and incipient consumption, with weakness, loss of flesh, thin blood, nervous prostration the Cordial is the successful remedy. Taken with food it relieves at once. It nourishes, and assists nature to nourish. A trial bottle—enough to show its merit—10 cents.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Certificate of five shares of stock in the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, of Richmond, Va., together with pass-book. A liberal reward will be paid to anyone returning the same to me at my barber shop.

MARION STEVENS,
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A share of the Insurance business solicited.

Careful attention promised and given to all business entrusted to his agency.

Respectfully,
F. R. ROSE.

Sale Under Execution.

By virtue of five executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled J. P. Yancey & Co., Butler Bros, S. R. Udell & Co., Fairmount Machine Company, against John F. Clark, I will, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock, M., (it being the first day of the January term of the Superior Court) at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title and interest which the said John F. Clark, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: 137 acres of land in 7 1st township, near Manchester, N. C., known as the George Robinson farm. Also, 130 acres of land in Carver's Creek township, known as the McCormick land together with all buildings and improvements which may be on said lands.

This December 12th, 1896.

McD. GEDDIE,
Sheriff of Cumberland County.

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Yours Respectfully,
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NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } In the Superior Court

C. W. Bidgood, Admr, etc. vs. Dennis Hogans et al. } Notice.

The defendants, Peter Hogans, Chas. Hogans, Alex. Hogans, Andrew Hogans, David Hogans, Rhoda H. Simmons, Chas. Simmons, Charlotte H. Simmons and Henry Simmons will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the same being brought by the Administrator of Dennis Hogans against the heirs at law of the said Dennis Hogans seeking to sell the land of which the said Dennis Hogans died seized to make assets to pay the charges of administration upon the estate of and to pay the debts of the said Dennis Hogans, deceased. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County at his office in Fayetteville on the 30th day of January, 1897, and answer or demur to the petition which has been filed by the plaintiff, administrator, with the said Clerk; or the relief demanded in the petition will be applied for by the said plaintiff.

This Dec. 10th, 1896.

CYRUS MURPHY, C. S. C.
J. C. & S. H. MACRAE,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

Sale Under Execution.

By virtue of nine executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, upon judgments Nos. 5895, 5911, 5917, 5919, 5920, 5958, 5963, 6099 and 6205, as will more fully appear by reference to the Judgment Docket of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled William A Tottie & Co. and others, against G. H. Ingram I will, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., the first day of the January Term of said Superior Court, at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said G. H. Ingram defendant of, in and to the following described land, viz: A tract of land adjoining Adams street on the South and Kennedy street on the East, in the town of Fayetteville, being the house and lot known as the G. H. Ingram place, and being the same land conveyed by J. C. McCaskill and wife to said G. H. Ingram by deed dated October 22, 1887, registered in Book 1, No. 4, page 300, Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County, except a strip of said land heretofore sold by G. H. Ingram and wife to Mark Morgan as will more fully appear by reference to deed recorded in Book 1, No. 4, page 300 Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County.

This December 17th, 1896.

McD. GEDDIE,
Sheriff of Cumberland County.

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Call and examine and get prices at
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WANTED.

Any kind of writing or figuring done at home or at office. Address A. OBSERVER Office.

Commissioners' Sale of the Property and Franchises of the Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

In obedience to an order of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, dated June 19th, 1896, modified August 4th, 1896, passed in the course of the proceedings entitled the "Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company vs. the Fayetteville Gas Light Company," the undersigned, Commissioners of Sale in said order named, hereby give notice that they will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder in front of the Gas Works in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 4th, 1897, at 10 A. M., all the property of the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company, consisting of the real estate in said City of Fayetteville, belonging to the said Company, upon which is situated the Gas and Electric Plant of the said Company, and all the said Gas Plant, retorts and other machinery and fixtures for the manufacture of coal gas, as well as all the Electric Plants, consisting of a complete Brush Arc Electric Light Plant, and a complete Incandescent Electric Light Plant, and all the gas mains, pipes, connections and fittings, meters, condensors and all other apparatus belonging to said Company, for the manufacture of gas, and all poles and wires and other machinery and apparatus belonging to said Company, and used for the purpose of lighting by electricity, and all tools, machinery and property, real, personal and mixed, as well as all the franchises, privileges, powers and endowments belonging and granted to the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

Terms of sale: Cash. No bid will be received unless accompanied by a deposit with the Commissioners, of one thousand dollars (1,000) cash by the bidder, as security that the purchaser to whom the said property knocked down, shall pay the whole of said purchase money in cash before 3 P. M. on the day of sale, to the Commissioners, when the sale will be reported to the Court, for ratification.

R. R. KING,
N. W. RAY,
ARCHIBALD H. TAYLOR,
Nov. 5, 1896. Commissioners of Sale.

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I manufacture Buggies and Road Carts, Road Wagons, Timber Wagons, Sling Carts, Dump and Farm Carts.

I use the best of material. Away with cutting and welding Tire. I use Mole's No. 3 Shrinker—16 ton pressure. It does the work like a charm. I also use the No. 2 Champion Drill Press.

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I have one of the best Farriors in the city. I Shoe Horses all-round for 80c. Setting Tire, 40 cents.

I am Agent for the Monarch Buggy Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and can sell you a Buggy at prices that defy competition.

Why will you pay your money for having your work butchered up when you can get it done properly for less money?

It will be to your advantage to call and see me before carrying your work elsewhere.

Prompt attention paid to orders through the mail.

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Monuments AND Headstones.

The public is cordially invited tovisit my yard, where they will always find a choice collection of
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—AND—
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to select from. My workmanship stands
SECOND TO NONE
in the South, and my prices are as low as can be obtained for strictly first-class work A large lot of DESIGNS to select from.

Very respectfully,
S. L. RENSBURG,
Prop. Fayetteville Marble and Granite Works

FOR SALE.

On the Lumberton Road, about one mile from the Market House and ¼ mile from Holt's factory, 3 acres of land with two houses and stables on same. One house contains five rooms, comparatively new, tin roof. The other contains three rooms, not quite completed. About seven good building lots. Orchard. All under fence and adjoining the Hinsdale property. Good water. Apply to

J. H. BENOY,
Fayetteville, N. C.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Jail in Flames.

Friday night a few of the citizens of this city were startled by the dreadful news that the county jail was on fire. We say a few, for the majority of the people knew nothing of it, the alarm was not made public.

About 9:30 o'clock Mr. W. R. Biggs, the jailer, was awakened by loud cries from all parts of the jail and rushing over to the building discovered that the N. E. corner upper cell was in a blaze. He picked up a bucket of water and instructing his wife to follow with another, he rushed up the stairs and had partially opened the heavy iron door to the cell when the occupants, three negroes, made a rush for the door. Mr. Biggs suspecting their intentions to escape drove them back at the point of his pistol and refastened the door. He then sent word to the fire department and the sheriff. Meantime the fire was making rapid headway and the whole building was black with smoke. The prisoners, (fifteen all told), by this time were frantic and their cries and prayers, mingled with curses, were frightful. They raved and raged and threw themselves against the great iron wickets with the fury of mad men. The fire company, the sheriff, his deputies and a number of gentlemen he had gathered to assist him soon arrived however, and the prisoners in the burning cell and the cells adjoining were taken out and put under a strong guard. By this time the fire company had a stream playing on the flames and after much hard work the fire was subdued. Half an hour later and the whole building and three at least of the prisoners would have been in ashes.

These are the men who occupied the cell and who were foolish and criminal enough to set fire to their own cell in the hope of obtaining liberty: William Battle, William McFatter and 'Dolphus McNeill.

Graded School Report.

To the Trustees of the Graded School:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I have the honor to submit my report of the third month of the current scholastic year of the Fayetteville Graded School:

Pupils on rolls at beginning of month	261
Pupils entered during month	5
" (total for month)	266
Boys during month	121
Girls during month	145
Average attendance	209
Per cent.	.69

Following is the

ROLL OF HONOR.

Girls—Eliza Hill Robeson, Hattie Lee Atkinson, Della Amos, Amanda Amos, Nellie Davis, Sadie Gardner, Bessie Johnson, Emma Solomon, Mary Gardner, Sallie Robeson, Louise Calder, Lilian Coble, Allie Johnson, Lena Prior.

Boys—Wm. Owen, Timothy Ward, Neill McArtan, Richard Fitzell, George Johnson, Henry Ward.

The school will re-open after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, January 4.

Respectfully,

P. N. MATTHEWS, Sup't.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Fayetteville, N. C., Post Office Dec. 21, 1896—Unclaimed.

B—John Blackwell, H. B. Bolden, Emma Booker, Flora Bradshaw, J. D. Butler.
C—Champion Chemical, Mr. Campbell.
D—Stewart Devane, Chas. B. Davey.
G—Georgia Graham.
H—Wm. Hall.
K—Key & Co.
L—Lanney Lee.
M. Manhuni, Chas. Marks.
Mc—Aggie McAllister, Janie McFaydin.
R—Mart Riddle.
S—Joseph Simpson, Loretta Sellars, Siler Skane.
W—Lollie Wright (3), W. D. Willford, Annie Wilbur.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised.

W. D. GASTER, Postmaster.

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WILMINGTON FOR NEW YORK.

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For Freight or Passage apply to

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Superintendent, Wilmington, N. C.

THEO G. EGER, T. M., Bowling Green, N. Y.

W. P. CLYDE & CO., General Agents, Bowling Green N. Y.

Foreclosure Sale of Valuable Farming Land In Cedar Creek Township.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Wiley Cain and wife and M. J. Starling and wife to H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, Executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, which is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Book V, No. 4, page 313, we will offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in Fayetteville at 12 o'clock M., on January 8th, 1897, for cash a tract of land containing 721 acres known as "The Downing Land," situated in Cedar Creek Township near Stedman.

At the same time and place and in the same manner we will also offer for sale under the power and authority contained in a mortgage deed executed by Wiley Cain and his wife to said Lilly and Gray, Executors, recorded in Book V, No. 4, Page 311, a tract of land in the same neighborhood containing 136 acres and known as the Wiley Cain Land.

LILLY & GRAY,
Executors, Mortgagees

For further information call on or write to J. C. & S. H. MacRae, Attorneys.

Notice!

Application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to incorporate "The Carolina Cooperage Company" and such branches as it has or may establish.

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Bottled Up!

It certainly is disheartening to a patient to find that the treatment he is given for a disease is more disastrous than the disease itself. Such is the case, however, with the usual treatment given for diseases of the blood.

Notwithstanding the great progress made in many branches of medicine, the doctors have failed absolutely to find a successful treatment for blood poison, and the many diseases having their origin in the blood. They give but one kind of medicine, they know but one treatment, and whether in the form of powder, pill or liquid, the doctor's prescription is always the same—potash or mercury.

Too much cannot be said of the harmful and disastrous effects of these drugs. The doctors are unable to rid the system of the poison, and direct their efforts toward covering up the symptoms from view. There is but one effect to be obtained from potash and mercury—they bottle up the poison and dry it up in the system, but it must be remembered that they dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time, gradually consuming the vitality. Those disfiguring copper-colored splotches are but indications of worse results to follow. No sooner has the system taken on the full effects of this powerful drug than that suppleness and elasticity of the joints gives way to a stiffness, followed by the racking pains of rheumatism. The form gradually bends, the bones ache, while decrepitude and helplessness prematurely take possession of the body. Under this treatment, it is but a short step from vigor and health to a pair of crutches. With this wreck of the system often comes falling of the hair and eyebrows, loss of finger nails, and decay of the bones—a condition most horrible. This is no overdrawn picture, for the world to-day is full of these hobbling mercurial wrecks.

Contagious Blood Poison is the most horrible of all diseases, and has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. Until the discovery of S. S. S., it was incurable. It has always baffled the doctors, and it is in this disease that the evils of mercury and potash are most common, because these drugs are given in such large doses in an effort to counteract the poison. While they succeed in bottling up the poison in the system, it always breaks forth again, attacking some delicate organ, frequently the mouth and throat, filling them with eating sores. S. S. S. is the only known cure for this terrible disease.

It is the same in other diseases of the blood. Scrofula, Eczema, Cancer, Rheumatism, all are given the same treatment by the physicians—mercury and potash, and the result as above set forth is always the same.

We offer a remedy purely vegetable, powerful in its effect, yet harmless in every way. For fifty years S. S. S. has been curing blood diseases, from the most violent to the mildest case, after all other treatment failed. It is guaranteed purely vegetable, and one thousand dollars reward is offered for proof to the contrary. It is a real blood remedy for real blood troubles, and never fails to cure Contagious Blood Poison, Scrofula, Eczema, Rheumatism, Cancer, or any other disease of the blood. If you have a blood disease, take a remedy which will not injure you. Beware of mercury; don't do violence to your system. Don't get bottled up!

Our books on blood and skin diseases, will be mailed free to any address. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Commissioners' Sale of the Property and Franchises of the Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

In obedience to an order of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, dated June 19th, as modified August 4th, 1896, passed in the course of the proceedings entitled the "Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company vs. the Fayetteville Gas Light Company," the undersigned, Commissioners of Sale in said order named, hereby give notice that they will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder in front of the Gas Works in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 4th, 1897, at 10 A. M., all the property of the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company, consisting of the real estate in said City of Fayetteville, belonging to the said Company, upon which is situated the Gas and Electric Plant of the said Company, and all the said Gas Plant, retorts and other machinery and fixtures for the manufacture of coal gas, as well as all the Electric Plant, consisting of a complete Brush are Electric Light Plant, and all the gas mains, pipes, connections and fittings, meters, condensers and all other appurtenances belonging to said Company, for the manufacture of gas, and all poles and wires and other machinery and apparatus belonging to said Company, and used for the purpose of lighting by electricity, and all tools, machinery and property, real, personal and mixed, as well as all the franchises, privileges, powers and endowments belonging and granted to the said Fayetteville Gas Light Company.

Terms of sale: Cash. No bid will be received unless accompanied by a deposit with the Commissioners, of one thousand dollars ($1,000) cash by the bidder, as security that the parties so to whom the said property is knocked down, shall pay the balance of said purchase money in cash before 3 P. M. on the day of sale, to the Commissioners, who, in the sale will be reported to the Court, for ratification.

R. K. KING,
N. W. RAY,
ARCHIBALD H. TAYLOR,
Commissioners of Sale.

Nov. 5, 1896.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having this day qualified as Administrator on the estate of Isaac Bacon (deceased), hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All parties indebted to the estate will make immediate payment.

H. B. NUNNERY,
Administrator Isaac Bacon, dec'd.

J. C. SHAW,
Attorney.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh News and Observer, 27th.]

On joint ballot the Republicans have 66 members, the Populists 58, the Democrats 44, with two in doubt.

The next Legislature will stand as follows:

THE STATE SENATE.

First District, (Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Bertford, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans counties), J. L. Whidbey, Republican, and J. F. Newsome, Populist.

Second District (Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico), McCaskie, Populist, and Yeager, Republican.

Third District (Bertie and Northampton), J. M. Early, Populist.

Fourth District (Halifax), E. T. Clark, Populist.

Fifth District (Edgecombe), Lee Person, Republican.

Sixth District (Pitt), Moye, Populist.

Seventh District (Wilson, Nash and Franklin), J. F. Mitchell, Populist, J. T. Sharp, Republican.

Eighth District (Craven, Jones, Carteret, Lenoir, Greene and Onslow), G. L. Harditon, Populist, and McCarthy, Republican.

Ninth District (Duplin, Wayne and Pender), H. L. Grant, Republican, and R. G. Maxwell, Populist.

Tenth District (New Hanover and Brunswick), Geo. H. Cannon, Populist.

Eleventh District (Vance and Warren), W. B. Henderson, Republican.

Twelfth District (Wake), C. H. Utley, Populist.

Thirteenth District (Johnston), E. S. Abell, Democrat.

Fourteenth District (Sampson, Harnett and Bladen), Geo. Butler, Populist and E. N. Roberson, Populist.

Fifteenth District (Columbus and Robeson), Angus Shaw, Populist; and J. D. Maultsby, Republican.

Sixteenth District (Cumberland) J. M. P. Geddie, Populist.

Seventeenth District (Granville and Person), Dr. Wm. Merritt, Populist.

Eighteenth District (Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham), Capt. E. S. Parker, Democrat, and J. E. Lyon, Populist.

Nineteenth District (Chatham), John W. Atwater, Populist.

Twentieth District (Rockingham). J. A. Walker, Populist.

Twenty first District (Guilford), A. T. Scales, Democrat.

Twenty second District (Randolph and Moore), D. Reid Parker, Populist.

Twenty-third District (Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union), W. H. Adams, Populist, and Daniel Patterson, Republican.

Twenty-fourth District (Cabarrus and Stanly), C. D. Barringer, Democrat.

Twenty fifth District (Mecklenburg), Dr. J. B. Alexander, Populist.

Twenty sixth District (Rowan, Davidson and Forsyth), S. Earnhardt, Populist and Jno. A. Ramsey, Republican.

Twenty seventh District (Iredell, Davie, and Yadkin), Shaw and Sharp, Republicans.

Twenty eighth District (Stokes and Surry), one Republican.

Twenty-ninth District (Catawba, Lincoln, Wilkes and Alexander), R. H. W. Barber, Populist, and one Republican.

Thirtieth District (Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga), Thos. Sutherland, Democrat.

Thirty first District (Caldwell, Burke, Mitchell, McDowell and Yancy), E. F. Wakefield, Populist, and one Republican.

Thirty second District (Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk), M. H. Justice, Democrat, J. A. Anthony, Democrat.

Thirty third District (Buncombe, Madison and Haywood), G. O. H. Smathers, Republican, and W. W. Rollins, Republican.

Thirty fourth District (Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain), H. S. Anderson, Republican.

Thirty fifth District (Macon, Clay, Cherokee and Graham), J. Frank Ray, Democrat.

The representation would stand:

Populists	24
Democrats	9
Republicans	17

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Alexander; J. W. Watts, Democrat.
Alamance; S. A. White, Republican.
Alleghany; M. F. Jones, Democrat.
Anson; T. C. Leak, Democrat.
Ashe; Spencer Blackburn, Republican.
Beaufort; H. E. Hodges, Populist.
Bertie; H. W. White, Republican.
Bladen; Sidney Meares, Republican.
Brunswick; W. W. Drew, Populist.
Buncombe, V. S. Lusk, Republican, W. G. Candler, Republican.
Burke; John H. Pearson, Democrat.
Cabarrus; A. F. Hileman, Populist.
Caldwell; J. L. Nelson, Democrat.
Camden; Republican.
Carteret; E. C. Duncan, Republican.
Caswell; C. J. Yarborough, Populist.
Catawba; L. K. Whitener, Populist.
Chatham; J. E. Burgess, Republican, and J. E. Bryan, Populist.
Cherokee; D. W. Deweese, Republican.
Chowan; Richard Elliott, Republican.
Clay; Wm. Plott, Democrat.
Cleveland; Dr. B. F. Dixon, Democrat.
Columbus; J. B. Schulken, Populist.
Craven; Robt. Handcock, Republican.
Cumberland; Thos. H. Sutton, Republican, and W. P. Wemyss, Republican.
Currituck; W. H. Gallop, Democrat.
Dare; Geo. C. Daniels, Republican.
Davidson; J. W. McCreary, Republican.
Davie; W. A. Bailey, Republican.
Duplin; Maury Ward, Populist.
Durham; John W. Umstead, Democrat.
Edgecombe; Jordan Dancy, Republican, and E. E. Bryan, Republican.
Forsyth; J. L. Grubbs, Republican, and W. P. Ormsley, Republican.
Franklin; Carter Barrow, Populist.
Gaston, —— White, Democrat.
Gates; J. J. Gatling, Democrat.
Graham; John Dayton, Republican.
Granville; King, Populist, Crews, Republican.
Guilford; J. T. Burch, Democrat, B. G. Chilcutt, Republican.
Greene; W. R. Dixon, Populist.
Halifax; J. H. Arrington, Republican, Scott Harris, Populist.
Harnett, Chapin, Republican.
Haywood; J. W. Ferguson, Democrat.
Henderson; J. B. Freeman, Republican.
Hertford; Stark Hare, Republican.
Hyde; John G. Harris, Populist.
Iredell; J. R. McLellan, Democrat, and J. A. Harris, Democrat.
Jackson; W. Lee E. Moore, Democrat.
Johnston; Claud M. Smith, Democrat, and Chas. M. Creech, Democrat.
Jones; —— Brown, Populist.
Lenoir; N. P. Hawes, Populist.
Lincoln; L. A. Abernethy, Populist
Macon; —— Lyle, Democrat.
Madison; J. W. Roderson, Republican.
Martin; Fagan, Populist.
McDowell; W. A. Conley, Democrat.
Mecklenburg; S. J. Reid, Democrat, one Populist and one Democrat.
Mitchell; L. A. Green, Republican.
Montgomery; J. A. Reynolds, Populist.
Moore; W. H. H. Lewhorn, Democrat.
Nash; W. B. Carter, Populist.
New Hanover; Jno. T. Home, Republican, D. D. Sutton, Republican.
Northampton; N. R. Rawls, Republican.
Onslow; R. Duff, Democrat.
Orange; A. R. Hines, Democrat
Populist.
Pamlico; C. M. Babbitt, Populist.
Pasquotank; Wm. G. Pool, Republican.
Perquimans; J. D. Parker, Populist.
Person; Gibson James, Democrat.
Person; Jno. S. Cunningham, Democrat.
Pitt; E. V. Cox, Republican and Slade Chapman, Populist.
Polk; Grayson Arledge, Republican.
Randolph; J. J. Watts, Populist, and J. M. Allen, Republican.
Richmond; Claude Dockery, Republican, and Y. C. Morrison, Populist.
Robeson; Duncan McBryde, Populist, and W. J. Currie, Republican.
Rockingham; A. E. Walters, Democrat, T. B. Foster, Populist.
Rowan, J. H. McKenzie, Democrat, and Walter Murphy, Democrat.
Rutherford; Lindsey Ferguson, Republican.
Sampson; C. H. Johnson, Populist, and R. W. Crumpler, Populist.
Sandy; E. T. Eddins, Democrat.
Stokes; R. J. Petree, Republican.
Surry; J. M. Brooker, Republican.
Swain; J. H. Cathey, Democrat.
Transylvania; E. A. Aiken, Republican.
Tyrrell; Dr. Asa Alexander, Republican.
Union; Jas. Price, Populist.
Vance; W. M. Pearce, Republican.
Wake; Jas. H. Young, Republican, J. P. H. Adams, Republican, and James Ferrell, Populist.
Warren; C. A. Cook, Republican.
Washington; L. N. C. Spruill, Republican.
Watauga; Thos. Bingham, Republican.
Wayne; T. B. Parker, Democrat, J. E. Person, Populist.
Wilkes; J. Q. A. Adams, Republican and C. B. Summers, Republican.
Wilson; Dr. B. T. Person, Populist.
Yadkin; J. C. Pinnix, Republican.
Yancey; ——, Democrat.

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Republicans	48
Democrats	36
Populists	34
Doubtful	2

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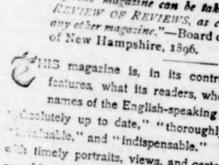

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NORTH BOUND.

	No 2 daily.
Leave Wilmington,	7:00 a m
Arrive Fayetteville,	11:00 "
Leave Fayetteville,	1:21 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	1:27 "
Leave Sanford,	11:57 "
Leave Climax,	12:03 p m
Arrive Greensboro,	2:00 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:08 "
Leave Stokesdale,	3:25 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	4:10 "
Leave Rural Hall,	4:43 "
Arrive Mt. Airy,	5:10 "
	6:3

SOUTH BOUND.

	No. 1, Daily.
Leave Mt. Airy,	8:40 a. m.
Leave Rural Hall,	9:04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10:04 "
Leave Stokesdale,	10:32 "
Arrive Greensboro,	11:01 "
Leave Greensboro,	11:05 "
Leave Climax,	12:10 p m
Leave Sanford,	1:41 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction,	2:36 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	2:42 "
Leave Fayetteville,	4:15 "
Arrive Wilmington,	4:20 "
	7:05 "

NORTH BOUND.

	No. 4, Daily.
Leave Bennettsville,	6:30 a. m.
Arrive Maxton,	8:3 "
Leave Maxton,	9:40 "
Leave Red Springs,	10:0 "
Leave Hope Mills,	10:18 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	11:1 "
	11:20 "

SOUTH BOUND.

	No. 3, Daily.
Leave Fayetteville,	1:28 p. m.
Leave Hope Mills,	1:42 "
Leave Red Springs,	4:49 "
Arrive Maxton,	5:36 "
Leave Maxton,	6:00 "
Arrive Bennettsville,	6:17 "
	7:30 "

NORTH BOUND.

	No. 16 Mixed,
Leave Ramseur,	5:30 p. m.
Leave Climax,	6:45 "
Arrive Greensboro,	8:00 "
Leave Greensboro,	8:05 "
Leave Stokesdale,	9:05 "
Arrive Ramseur,	11:00 "

SOUTH BOUND.

	No. 15, Mixed, Except Sunday.
Leave Madison,	12:30 p. m.
Leave Stokesdale,	1:25 "
Arrive Greensboro,	2:40 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:20 "
Leave Climax,	4:15 "
Arrive Ramseur,	6:00 "

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DATED	No. 23, Daily.	No. 35, Daily.	No. 41, Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 35	3 21	A. M.
Ar. Rocky Mount	12 07	10 20	
Leave Tarboro	12 20		
Lv Rocky Mount	1 05	10 20	6 00
Leave Wilson	1 51	11 08	6 50
Leave Selma	2 35		7 30
Lv. Fayetteville	4 5	12 45	9 00
Arrive Florence	7 10	3 00	

DATED	No. 24, Daily.	No. 36, Daily.	No. 42, Daily.
	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilson	2 05	6 30	10 30
Leave Goldsboro	2 50	7 15	11 20
Leave Magnolia	4 02	8 27	12 30
Ar. Wilmington	5 30	9 55	1 55

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED	No. 25, Daily.	No. 37, Daily.	No. 43, Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Florence	9 40	4 30	
Lv. Fayetteville	10 50	5 40	
Leave Selma	12 30	7 20	
Arrive Wilson	1 20	8 10	
Leave Tarboro	2 40	9 30	
	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Lv Rocky Mount	2 55	9 45	12 05
Arrive Weldon	3 30	10 20	12 40

†Daily except Monday. ‡Daily except Sunday. Train on the Scotland Neck Branch leaves Weldon daily at 8:00 A. M., arrives Scotland Neck at 9:00 A. M. Leaves Scotland Neck at 4:00 P. M., arrives Weldon at 5:00 P. M. Connects at Weldon with Train No. 35 for Richmond. Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, at 6:00 P. M., arrives Parmele at 7:00 P. M. Leaves Parmele daily, except Sunday, at 8:00 A. M., arrives Tarboro at 9:00 A. M. Train leaves Maxton at 6:00 P. M. daily, except Sunday, arrives Laurinburg at 7:00 P. M. Leaves Laurinburg at 7:00 A. M. daily, except Sunday, arrives Maxton